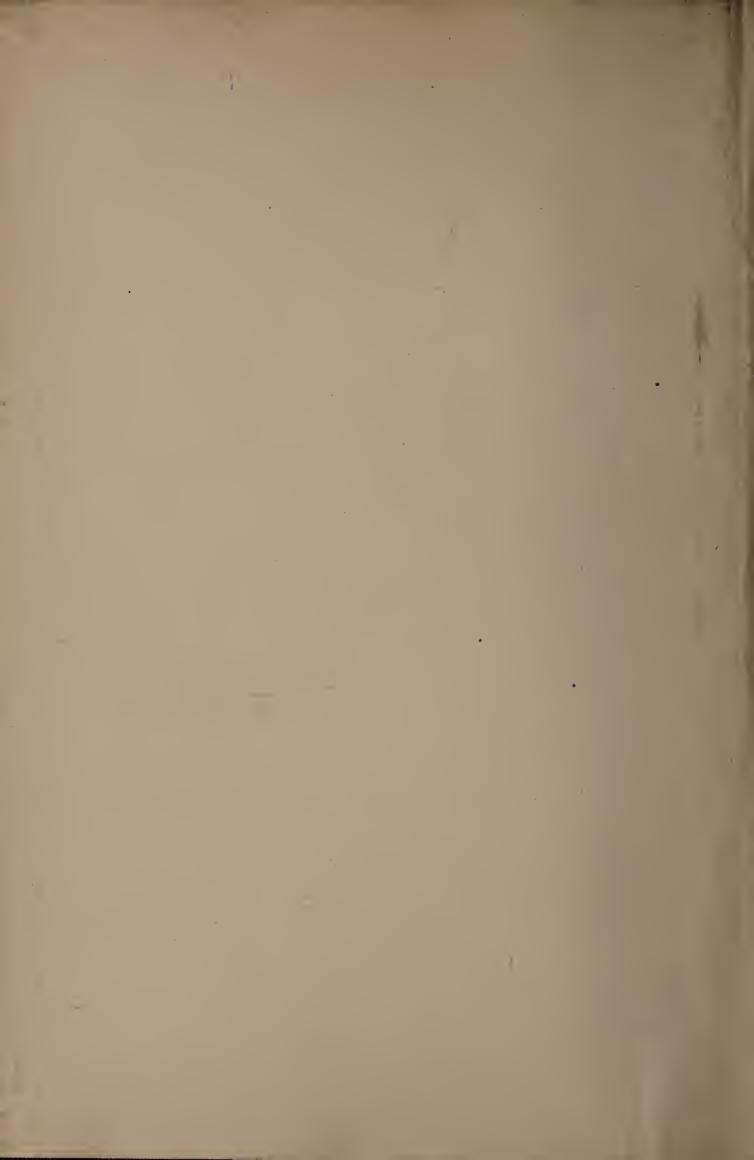
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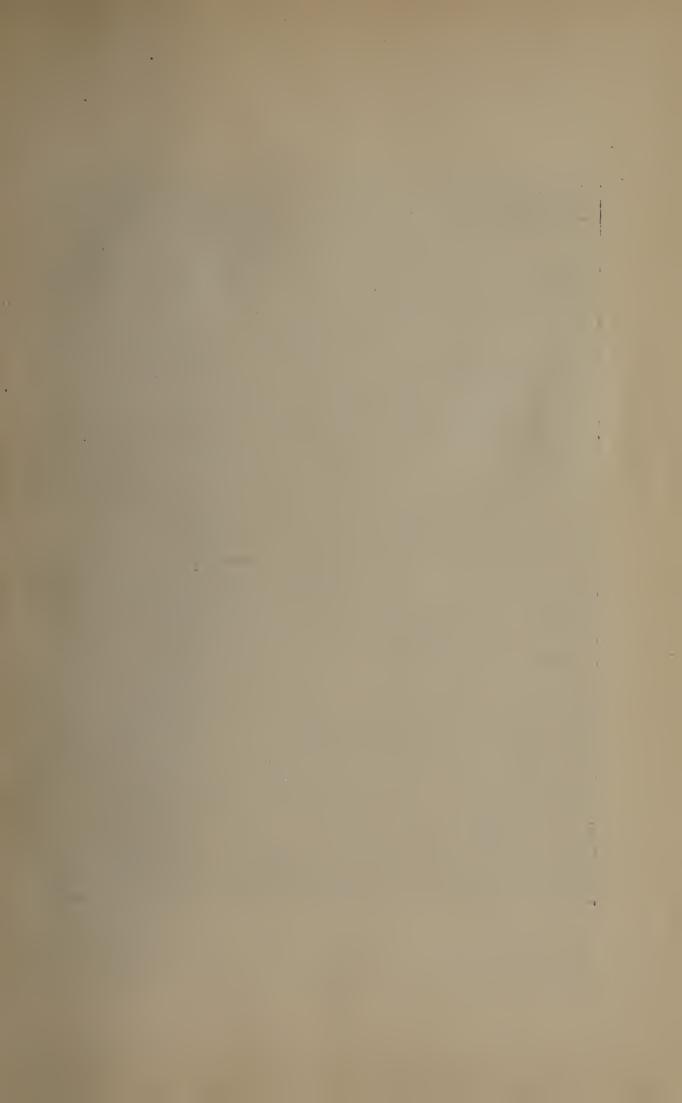
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1900.

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BOSTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 13, 1898.

For Three Years.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.
HENRY H. SPRAGUE.
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON.
GEORGE PEIRCE.

Elected April 12, 1899, for Three Years.

GEORGE HUTCHINSON.

JOHN R. AINSLEY.

WILLIAM H. BROWN.

HENRY PENNYPACKER.

Elected April 11, 1900, for Three Years.

WALTER H. DUGAN.
EDWARD A. CHURCH.
FRANK L. LOCKE.
CHARLES L. BURRILL.

BOARD OF GOVERNMENT FOR 1900-1901:

APRIL, 1900, TO APRIL, 1901.

PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN, 48 Boylston Street.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

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SECRETARY.

GEORGE PEIRCE, 60 Congress Street.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE BOSTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

ELECTED APRIL 25, 1870.

REV. GEORGE PUTNAM, D.D.*
HON. OTIS NORCROSS.†
SAMUEL WELLS.
WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.
EDWIN L. SPRAGUE.

	Elected.	To take the place of
Henry P. Kidder.	Nov. 28, 1874.	Rev. George Putnam, D.D.*
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	Sept. 30, 1882.	Otis Norcross.†
Hon. Samuel C. Cobb.	April 19, 1886.	Henry P. Kidder.‡
Wm. L. Richardson, M.D.	April 16, 1892.	Samuel C. Cobb.§

^{*} Resigned May 26, 1874. Died April 11, 1878. ‡ Died Jan. 28, 1886.

† Died Sept. 5, 1882. § Died Feb. 18, 1891.

PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PERMA-NENT FUND, April 1, 1900.

Chairman.

SAMUEL WELLS.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM ENDICOTT.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.
EDWIN L. SPRAGUE.
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON.



STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE BOSTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION.



STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES

OF THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE BOSTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

The work and influence of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union have constantly increased from year to year until it has assumed large proportions, as again plainly shown at its annual meeting (forty-ninth year) held Wednesday evening, April 11, 1900, when the very satisfactory and gratifying reports of the several sub-committees in charge of the active work of the Union during the past year were presented.

It has for many years been a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to the Trustees, to the President, and to his associates of the Board of Government, to note the constantly increasing membership of the Union, now reaching—April 1, 1900—5,554.

The amount in the hands of the Treasurer of the "Permanent Fund" is as follows:—

Boston & Providence R.R. Co. Four Per Cent.	
Bonds,	\$20,000.00
Old Colony R.R. Co. Four Per Cent. Bonds,	20,000.00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co. Five Per	
Cent. Bonds,	1,000.00
Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R.R. Co. Six	
Per Cent. Bonds,	6,000.00
Illinois Steel Co. Five Per Cent. Bonds,	10,000.00
Fort Street (Detroit) Union Depot 4½ Per Cent.	
Gold Bonds,	10,000.00
West End R.R. Four Per Cent. Gold Bonds,	10,000.00
New York Central R.R. Co. 3½ Per Cent. Gold	
Bonds,	18,000.00 (Over)

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Four Per Cent. Mort-	
gage Bonds,	\$12,000.00
Thirty-five Shares Boston & Lowell R.R. Co., Par	
Value,	3,500.00
Eleven Shares Fitchburg R.R. Co. Preferred Stock,	
Par Value,	1,100.00
One Share Ground Rent Trust, Par Value,	1,000.00
Fifty Shares Old Colony R.R. Co., Par Value,	5,000.00
Fifty Shares Boston & Albany R.R. Co., Par Value,	5,000.00
Fifty Shares Boston, Concord & Montreal R.R. Co.,	
Class 2, Par Value,	5,000.00
Fifty Shares Boston, Concord & Montreal R.R. Co.,	
Class 4, Par Value,	5,000.00
One Hundred Shares West End R.R. Co., Par	
Value,	5,000.00
House No. 6 Lowell Court, in the rear of the Union	
Building,	6,000.00
Cash in New England Trust Co. awaiting invest-	
ment,	9,760.48

During the past year the Trustees have received the following legacies:—

Legacy under the will of Miss Elizabeth B. Fisher,	\$10,391.00
Legacy under the will of Ezra Forristall, Jr.,	100.00
Legacy under the will of Mrs. Jane H. Kilburn	
(additional),	225.00
Legacy under the will of Rev. Robert C. Waterston,	2,000.00
Legacy under the will of David Nevins,	4,498.46

As we look back upon the history of the Union in the past, and reflect upon its position and work at the present time, we more than ever realize its great advantages, not only to the young people of to-day, but also to the large numbers to whom in future years Boston will be a home by birth or adoption.

We are confident that the friends of the Union will join with the Trustees in their earnest wish that the "Permanent Fund," of which we have a beginning,

shall be largely increased through the donations and legacies of friends, thus affording an income which shall be of practical advantage in helping successfully to carry forward the constantly increasing and important work of the Union.

SAMUEL WELLS,

Chairman,

WILLIAM ENDICOTT,

Treasurer,

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN,
EDWIN L. SPRAGUE,
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON,

Trustees.

Boston, April 1, 1900.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union" the sum of

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.



COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Finance. As for many years past, it is a pleasant duty of your Finance Committee to prepare and present their report for the Union year just closed.

Your Committee feel grateful to the many friends who have kindly favored the Union with their donations of money in aid of its "General Purposes," and are also grateful for the universally kind spirit which has accompanied their gifts.

Upon the condition of the financial affairs of a society, such as this Christian Union, rests largely the degree of success which will follow the labors of those who may be actively engaged in its interests.

We have aimed to carefully attend to the financial interests of the Union; and we are happy to be able to state that, as in former years, all demands of every kind against the Union during the past twelve months have been promptly paid.

In this connection we are very happy to state that the membership of the Union was never so large in its history of nearly one-half a century (organized 1851) as at the present time, the full membership April 1, 1900, being 5,554.

Many ladies and gentlemen have called in person, or forwarded amounts, by mail or otherwise, to William H. Baldwin (Chairman of the Finance Committee) at his office in the Union Building, 48 Boylston Street.

Should any of the friends of the Union be prompted, at any time, unsolicited, to enclose donations for the "General Purposes" of the Union, we assure all such ladies and gentlemen that their kindness will be deeply appreciated.

All sums received will be entered in the "Book of Donors," and receipts sent by mail or given at the time.

The Committee present the following financial statement made by the Treasurer, Wm. L. Richardson.

WM. H. BALDWIN, *Chairman*. WM. L. RICHARDSON. HENRY H. SPRAGUE.

NOTE.—The Report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund is given on pages 13-15, to which the attention of all friends of the Union is specially called.

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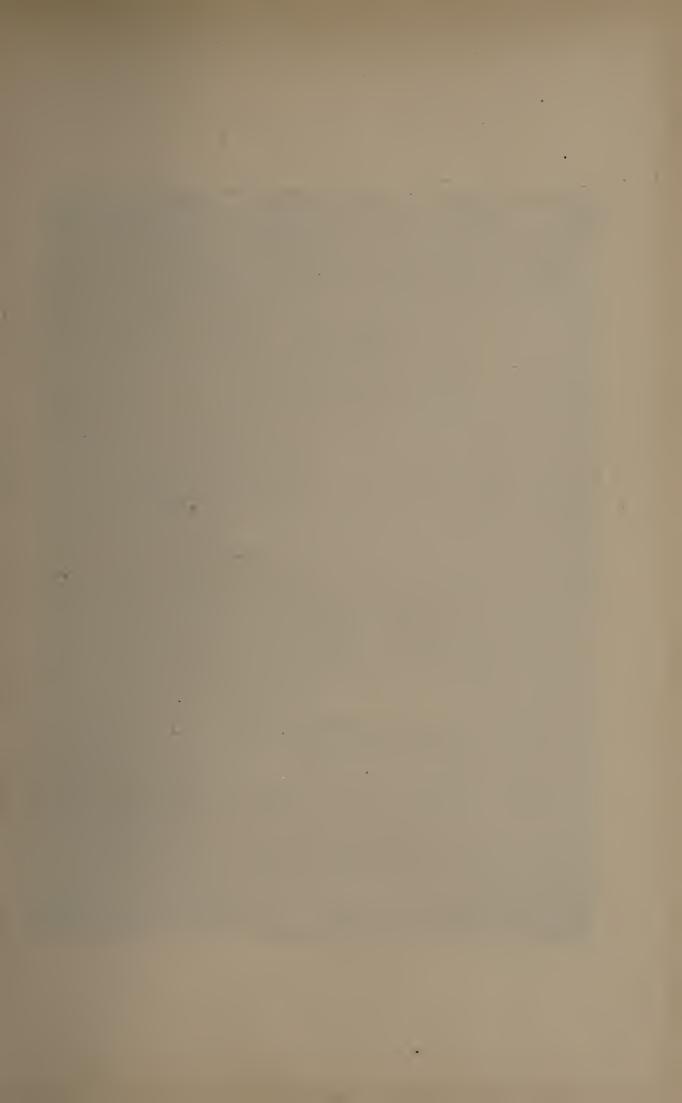
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		Total Receipts,	Special Donations:— Christmas and New Year's Festival for Poor Children, \$1,739.75 Country Week,	Membership Tickets,	Life Membership,	Cymnasium Tickets, etc.,	Cash received from Trustees,	Benevolent Action,	Receipts.	General Purposes,	Country Week,	Christmas Festival,	Balance on hand March 31, 1899: —
			20,202.73	3,560.00 353.71 1,671.00	1,125.00	2,322.49	9,696.00	ro8.00		2,444.65	1,052.42	\$180.61	
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	Balance on hand March 31, 1900:— Christmas Festival, \$201.04 Country Week, 530.12 Rides for Invalids, 1,413.98	rsements,	Expenses of Special Committee:— Christmas and New Year's Festival,	Fitting, repairs, furniture, etc., \$4,311.08 Gas, fuel, water, ice, and electric lighting, 3,646.91	Expenses of Room Committee: —	Stationery,	Public Worship,	Postage,	Library, Reading-room, and Study,	Gymnasium,	Benevolent Action,	Advertising,	Disbursements.
			20,425.60	7,957.99		75.46 726.15	780.19 11,386.65	589.00 697.10	4,125.02 1,570.03	8,494.47	290.12 82.51	\$920.22	
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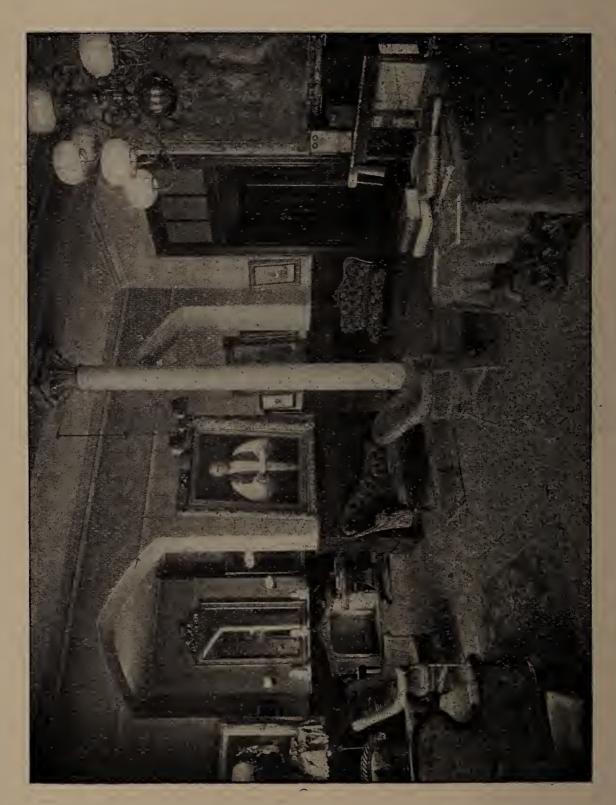
The item for advertising includes only the amount spent for general advertising, the amounts spent for the various departments of the Union work being charged under their respective heads.

The expenses of the Thanksgiving Dinner, and the special donations received for the same, are placed in the account of the Committee on Benevolent Action.

WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON,

Treasurer.





PARLOR, SHOWING OIL PAINTING OF BISHOP BROOKS PRESENTED BY SOME OF HIS FRIENDS TO THE UNION. COMMITTEE ON LECTURES, CLASSES, AND ENTERTAINMENTS.



LECTURES, CLASSES, AND ENTER-TAINMENTS.



The Subcommittee of the Board in charge of this department realizes the importance of the work intrusted to it, and in particular that of the even-

ing classes. Of no less need is the provision necessary for the pleasure of members, and we feel that our institution offers many attractions in this particular.

Lectures. That the interest in the courses of lectures is maintained is proved by the large attendance. The lists of speakers and subjects show that we are keeping abreast of the times with thoroughly live topics.

Classes. We take pride in our evening school, composed of twenty-seven classes. This important department of our work makes especial provision for any who lack other opportunities for instruc-

tion, and has proved of valuable assistance in the education of many. The rooms devoted to this purpose are used to their full extent.

Entertainments.

Members of the Union find Wednesday evenings specially attractive. On that evening our regular weekly entertainment is given. Once a month an amateur performance is presented, sometimes by members. Frequently an evening is devoted to those musically inclined, with selections from the best composers, and accompanied by good readings. Stereopticon entertainments are also offered.

The large audiences which attend these performances testify their appreciation of the efforts made for their pleasure. We draw largely on volunteer talent for the entertainments, and their excellence proves the wide-spread interest taken in the Union. We cannot thank these friends too cordially for their invaluable services.

"PRACTICAL TALKS."

"Practical Talks," The twenty-eighth course of Practical Talks was given in The Union Hall before audi-

ences exceeding the seating capacity. We always aim to select timely topics, which we may instance in the selection of the Boer-Briton War, which was in its early stages when the lecture on the subject was announced.

The stereopticon was used in all lectures, and the views shown brought each topic vividly before the auditors. The instructive matter given in these talks, and the prominence of many speakers, give a value to them of which the young men and their friends are quick to take advantage.

Saturday Evenings.

1900.

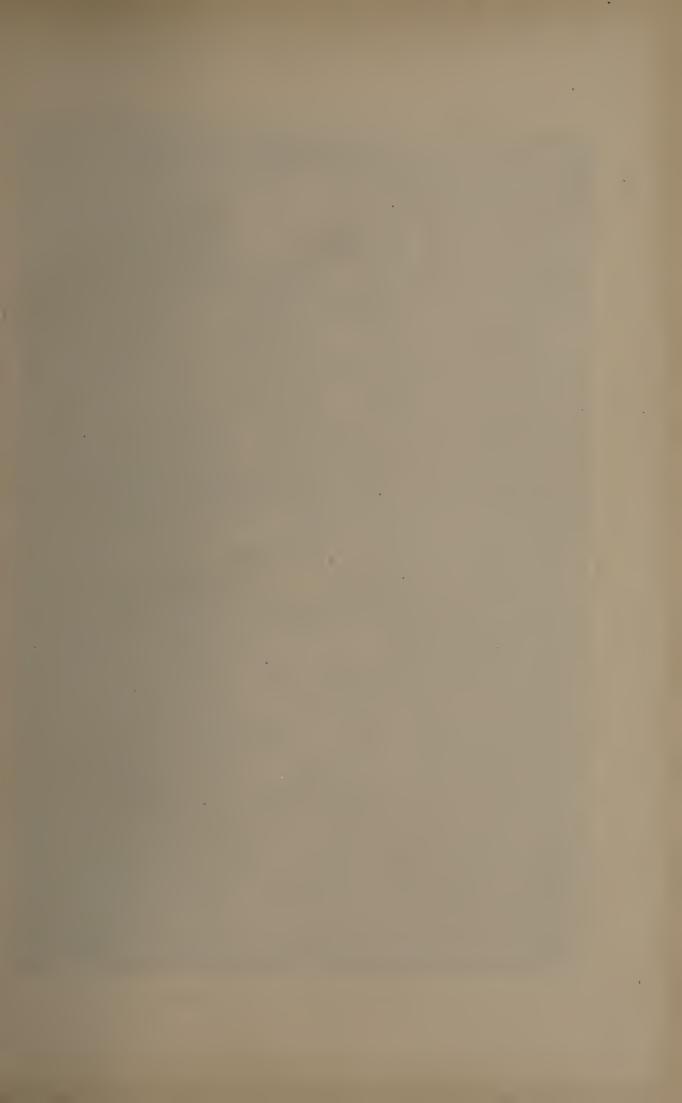
- 1. Jan. 6. William Hinton White, a native of Australia.

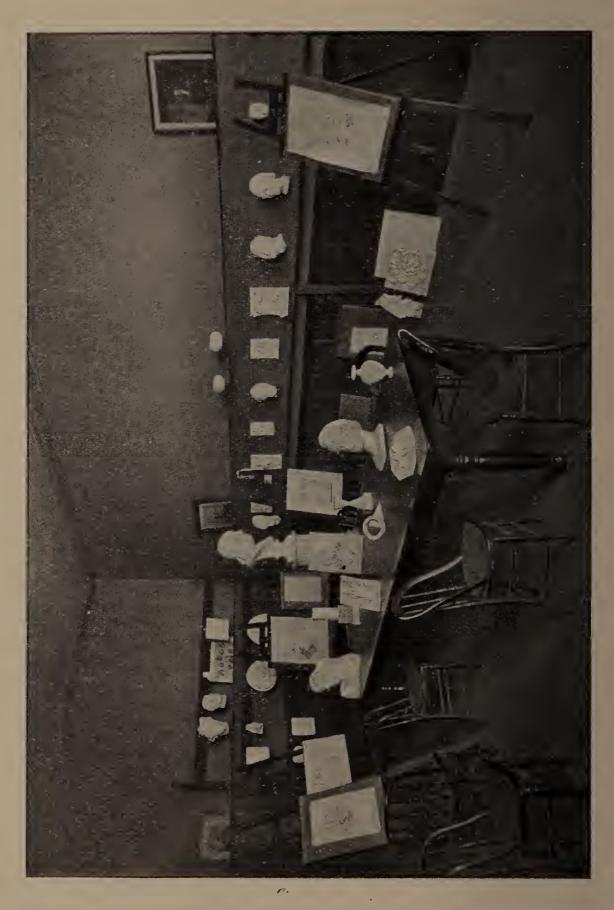
 Subject, "The South Sea Islands; or, Under the Southern Cross." New lecture. Fully illustrated by the stereopticon.
- 2. Jan. 13. Rev. J. J. Lewis, of Chicago, Ill. Subject, "Lake Champlain and the Green Mountain State."

 Illustrated by the stereopticon. Over 100 views.
- 3. Jan. 20. Arthur K. Peck, of Boston. Subject, "Cycling in the World's Wonderland, Yellowstone Park."

 Fully illustrated by 100 colored stereopticon views.
- 4. Jan. 27. Albert Armstrong, of Boston. Subject, "Picture-play of J. M. Barrie's popular 'The Little Minister.'" Over 160 stereopticon pictures from life.

- 5. Feb. 3. Rev. William S. Key, formerly of old Boston, England. A lecture (by request), "Africa of To-day." 200 stereopticon views, fully illustrating the scene of the struggle between the Boer Republic and the English Empire. These views were personally taken, and lecture prepared by a member of the United States Survey Department.
- 6. Feb. 10. Thomas Edward Potterton, of West Somerville,
 Mass. Subject, "Old Boston; or, The Hub in
 History." Illustrated by 115 stereopticon views.
- 7. Feb. 17. Chaplain D. H. Tribou, United States Navy. Subject, "United States Navy, the Old and the New." Fully illustrated by the stereopticon.
- 8. Feb. 24. Mrs. Alice Gray Teele, of Cambridgeport, Mass. Subject, "Ireland and her People." Fully illustrated by the stereopticon. 80 views.
- 9. Mar. 3. Edwin C. Bolles, of Melrose, Mass. Subject, "The Little Builders of the Earth; or, Studies of Microscopic Animals and Plants which have contributed to the Structure of the Globe." Fully illustrated by the stereopticon.
- 10. Mar. 10. William Lyman Underwood, of Boston. Subject, "Hunting with the Camera: A Sportsman without a Gun." Fully illustrated by the stereopticon. 60 to 70 views.





EVENING CLASSES .- Season of 1899-1900.

Subject.	Teacher. Enrolment.								
Arithmetic	E. E. Bradford		41						
Book=keeping (two classes)	H. M. Duffill		106						
Decoration and Design	V. L. George		3 6						
Drawing (free-hand)	W. L. Skinner		26						
Drawing (free-hand)	J. A. Frizzell		29						
Drawing (mechanical)	J. A. Frizzell		38						
Elocution (two classes)	Charles Bickford		101						
Electricity (industrial)	W. L. Smith		32						
English Grammar	F. A. Bushée		58						
English Literature	Cecil Harper		159						
Latin	H. Pennypacker		30						
Law	A. L. Spring		42						
Penmanship	G. H. Chapin		54						
Short=hand	C. G. Cutter ,		53						
French (three classes)	Berlitz School		297						
German (two classes)			125						
Italian (two classes)	" "		48						
Spanish			47						
Spanish (two classes)	R. S. Sturgis		41						
Debating Club			75						
Stenographic Club			25						
Total									

Number of Subjects, 18. Classes, 28. Teachers, 18.

Term, 20 weeks, beginning Oct. 30, 1899.

One lesson per week in every class.

Fee, \$1.00, returnable at end of term (to Union members), less ten cents for every unexcused absence.

Teachers and Methods. The direct educational work of the Christian Union centres in its evening classes, and every effort is made to improve the quality and promote the efficacy of the instruction. The best available teachers are secured, the most approved text-books and methods employed,

and a faithful attempt made to merit the attendance and interest of the pupils.

Attendance. The work seems to show a steady increase in actual value and effectiveness as well as in public patronage and appreciation. The records of the past season show a considerably larger attendance than ever before and a continued interest on the part of both teachers and pupils.

The branches taught during the past season were the same as those of the previous year, but some change in instructors may be briefly noted. The Union mourns the loss of its excellent teacher of Parliamentary Law, Mr. Lewis C. Flanagan, who died on the 21st of last February.

For seven successive seasons, ending with that of 1898-99, he conducted the "Union Legislative Assembly" with ability and success, establishing an enduring reputation by his wisdom and tact as a teacher and his high character as a man.

Mr. Joseph S. Parsons is also retired from our connection, after a faithful service of seventeen years as teacher of Book-keeping. The Union has had no teacher more entirely devoted to its interests than Mr. Parsons, and many pupils can testify to his ability and worth. Long may he live to receive their appreciation and our own!

Mr. Parsons's place was filled by Mr. H. M. Duffill, of the Bryant & Stratton Commercial School, who has conducted his two large classes in Book-keeping with an ability, an interest, and a success highly gratifying to both pupils and management.

Mr. Sears Gallagher, having been obliged by the increasing demands of his profession to resign his class in Free-hand Drawing, was succeeded by Mr.

J. A. Frizzell, long popular with us as teacher of Mechanical Drawing.

The other Free-hand Class was most ably conducted by Mr. W. L. Skinner, and Mr. V. L. George continued his valuable service as a teacher of Decoration and Design.

All of the Art Classes have been popular, the original applications for membership exceeding the room limit.

Law. Mr. J. H. Harwood, who last year inaugurated our Law Class, was obliged to decline a second engagement; but we were fortunate in securing as his successor Mr. Arthur L. Spring, who has given in Eaton Hall a course of Law Lectures of great interest and value, before a large and attentive class.

Elocution. The Elocution Class under Prof. Bickford had its usual large membership, and gave evidence of its popular teacher's ability in its Annual Exhibition in The Union Hall on the evening of March 28.

Literature.

The Class in English Literature again headed the list in respect to membership, and closed a most interesting course by a testimonial entertainment complimentary to its scholarly instructor, Prof. Cecil Harper, who presented on that occasion the play "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Classes.

The Language Classes (excepting Mr. Sturgis's Spanish and Mr. Pennypacker's Latin) have continued in charge of the Berlitz School, which has furnished us with native teachers of superior character and ability. These classes were never more popular, and in some of them supplementary courses are being given.

Business
Studies.

There seem to have been no changes in other classes requiring comment. Arithmetic and Grammar, Penmanship, Shorthand, and Electricity have continued under the same excellent instructors as last year, and with similar satisfactory results.

Without exception our teachers have rendered faithful and efficient service, meriting official acknowledgment and public appreciation.

Without such interest in the work our educational effort would be fruitless; but, having it, we look confidently forward to a future of increasing usefulness.

THE UNION DEBATING CLUB.

The Union **Debating** Club

was organized early in the season as a successor to the Union Legislative Assembly. Mr. Albert F. Flint was its President for the first half of the term, and Mr. Sherwin L. Cook for the second.

The club has been an important feature in our educational work. Much interest has been shown in its debates, and many practical and popular questions have been discussed.

On the evening of March 16 a Joint Debate was held in The Union Hall, on the question of "Partisanship in City Politics." The Union Debating Club argued in favor of Partisanship, and the Boston Y. M. C. A. Congress advocated Independent Action.

The Congress won the debate. The disputants were as follows: -

Affirmative.

U. D. Club.

Joseph E. Murphy.

Lyle S. Chesbro.

John F. Ransom.

Negative.

B. Y. M. C. A. Congress.

Jacob S. Gaines.

David H. Winslow.

Charles T. Bunker.

Hon. Charles H. Innes presided; and the judges were Hon. William M. Olin, Hon. Samuel B. Capen, and Henry Sherwin, Esq.

On the evening of March 27 the club gave its annual dinner at the United States Hotel, and was addressed by Lieutenant Governor Bates and other distinguished guests.

Stenographic line a new to be

The Union Stenographic Club is a new organization, which promises to be popular and useful. Mr. Wil-

fred L. White is its founder and President, and its success is largely owing to his intelligent and persistent effort. The club offers opportunities for shorthand practice to graduates from the regular class in Stenography, and to any other Union members having a speed of fifty words per minute.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Entertainments.

The season of entertainments begins the first of November, and is continued to the last of May.

Once a week during this period an entertainment of some nature is given. It has usually taken place on Wednesday evenings in The Union Hall, and, excepting the amateur dramatic performances, has been free to members and their lady friends.

On presenting membership cards at the office, each member is allowed two tickets for each entertainment.

For the amateur performances, which require expenditures for costumes, properties, etc., a moderate charge of admission is made.

Members are allowed two tickets for twenty-five cents, and extra tickets at twenty five cents each.

The public is also privileged to buy tickets at twenty-five cents each.

On each Wednesday the *Union Bulletin* was issued, containing the evening programme and announcements of every kind pertaining to the work of the Union.

Special issues of the *Bulletin* were also made for "Practical Talks," and frequently for Sunday evening services.

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April 5. Amateur Entertainment by the "Criterion Club."

Sixteenth Season; 158th performance, "The Magistrate," a farce comedy in four acts, by Arthur W.

Pinero. Music, The Union Orchestra, Ira A. Nay,

Jr., conductor.

- April 19. Concert by Mrs. Ella Cleveland Fenderson and eight of her pupils. Miss Alice Duff, Miss Theo Goodrich, Miss Ella Shields, Miss Adelaide Wolcott, sopranos; Miss Grace Fernald, Miss Lottie Mitchell, Miss Josephine Wentworth, Miss Emily Wright, altos; assisted by Miss Alice Lovett, accompanist, and Dr. L. B. Fenderson, reader.
- April 26. Concert by the "Nugæ Canoræ Mandolin, Guitar, and Harp Club." Luranie E. Gerrish, director, mandolin and banjo; B. Arline Snow, Maidie Cox, mandolin soloists; Frank F. Gerrish, guitar; Frank E. Willard, harp; assisted by P. H. Foley, banjo teacher and soloist, Simon F. Cairns, reader, and Master Hibbard Ayer.
- May 3. Amateur Entertainment by the "Boston Comedy Club." Third performance presenting "Engaged," a farcical comedy by W. S. Gilbert. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- May 10. Concert by Miss Blanche M. Paul, Miss Grace Alyce Walker, Miss Margaret Butler, Miss Margarite Evans, sopranos; Miss Jane Clark, Miss Grace Emery, contraltos; Frederic Bascom, Albert B. Merrill, tenors; Richard Fitzgerald, baritone; William A. Weyhe, bass; Ralph Winship Stone, boy soprano.
- May 17. Shakespearian Readings (a recital from memory of Shakespeare's tragedy of "Julius Cæsar") by Rev. Albert C. White, of Ware, Mass., assisted by Miss Edith Waterman, pianist.
- May 24. Concert by the "George Mendall Taylor Concert Company." Miss Helen Arenstrop, Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, sopranos; Misses Annie May Whitten, Lillian Buck, Floyd Sibley, Gerald Lambert, child singers; Lillian A. Prince (child), Delsarte; Robert B. Pierce, baritone; Messrs. A. S. and L. W. Whiting, harmonica; Miss Ella M. Chamberlin, whistling soloist; Lena Webber, mandolin; Beulah Nay, reader; Willie Burnett Norris, banjo; Horace Locke and George Mendall Taylor, pianists.
- May 31. Public Anniversary and Reception of the Society (48th year). From eight to ten o'clock in the evening.

The President and Board of Government received in the President and Directors' Room. Selections by "Tufts College Glee, Mandolin, and Guitar Club," in The Union Hall. Music by the Beacon Orchestral Club (ladies) in the Library, and informal exhibition in the Gymnasium. Music, The Union Orchestra.

Specimens of the work done at the Union Rooms during the past season by the classes in drawing were on exhibition in the class-room. All departments of the Union were open to visitors.

- Nov. 1. Amateur Entertainment by "The Thespians" (organized October, 1889), who presented "Our Regiment," in three acts. Eleventh season; 49th performance. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- Nov. 8. Musical Entertainment. An evening with Miss Dasa Harmon, humorist and mandolin soloist, assisted by Mrs. Emma Pratt Ferguson, pianist.
- Nov. 15. Concert and Readings. Miss Alice M. Hill, soprano; John Jewett Turner, baritone; Miss Eva A. Goodwin, violinist; Miss Lottie Adams, reader; Miss Lida J. Low, accompanist.
- Nov. 22. Musicale. Misses Gertrude I. Stockwell, Annie May Whitten, sopranos; Miss Floyd Sibley, contralto; Gerald Lambert, Howard Snelling, boy singers; Frank A. Kennedy, violinist; Beulah Nay, reader; Lena Webber, mandolin; Whiting Brothers, harmonica; Miss Edna Chamberlain, Miss Lillian A. Prince; Earl Eaton, pianist.
- Dec. 6. Amateur Entertainment by the "Criterion Club." Seventeenth season; 166th performance. "School," a comedy in four acts, by T. W. Robertson. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- Dec. 13. Concert by the "Mayesville Educational and Industrial Institute" (from Mayesville, S.C.). Miss Hattie R. Gregg, first soprano; Hattie Davis, second soprano; Miss Cornelia McLeod, alto; Miss Emma E. Wilson, contralto; Lee J. Wilson, tenor; J. Malachi Wilson, baritone; Junius Williams, bass.
- Dec. 20. Concert and Readings. Gustavus Foster, violin;

Rudolph Elie, cornet soloist; Luranie E. Gerrish, mandolin soloist; Bernard Johnson, reader; Leona L. Bloom, piano soloist and accompanist.

Dec. 23. Christmas Eve Entertainment. Edmund P. Collier, of Boston, read Dickens's "Christmas Carol." Choice musical programme by The Union Orchestra. Walter E. Loud, violin soloist.

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- Jan. 3. Amateur Entertainment by the "Buena Vista Footlight Club," of Roxbury, who played "By Special Request," a comedy in one act, by C. Malcom Watson, and "Down by the Sea," a two-act drama, by George M. Baker. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- Jan. 10. Concert and Readings. Miss Blanche M. Paul, Miss Clara Agnes Kyle, sopranos; Miss Winnefred Kendall, contralto; Ralph C. Knapp, tenor; Richard Fitzgerald, baritone; Carrie Donnell, child reader.
- Jan. 17. Concert. Miss Winnifred F. Temple, contralto; Carl Scranton, comedian; Miss Georgie Chapman, cornetist; Miss Fannie Fish, whistler; Basic, comedy musical artist.
- Jan. 24. Musicale with Readings. Miss Mabel L. Locke, soprano; F. L. Wood, baritone; Mrs. Alta Frye Goodnough, violinist; Prof. Charles Bickford, reader; Mrs. Mabel Wilson Stearns, Miss Mary B. Kendall, accompanists.
- Concert by "Tufts Glee, Mandolin, and Guitar Jan. 31. Clubs." Personnel, Glee Club: leader, L. S. Hart; first tenors, L. S. Hart, S. T. Hall, F. H. Benedict, G. E. Spring, B. W. Williams, A. W. Cushman; second tenors, N. Ingalls, E. C. Polk, W. G. Humes, W. V. Towle; first bass, J. P. Clarke, L. W. Collins, H. D. Bixby, T. J. O'Donnell; second bass, A. M. Boutelle, S. D. Whiting, A. S. Woodward, F. E. Tarr, K. Foster. Mandolin Club: leader, N. Ingalls; first mandolin, N. Ingalls, L. D. Pierce, H. H. Schoolfield, W. M. Bickford; violin, J. F. Berry; guitar, A. W. Cushman, L. W. Collins; mandola, J. E. Ray; 'cello, Charles E. Berry. K. Foster, reader.

- Feb. 7. Amateur Entertainment by the "Foster Comedy Company," presenting "May Blossom," by David Belasco. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- Feb. 14. Concert and Readings. Miss Luella Frye, soprano;
 Miss Alice M. Sibley, contralto; Richard Fitzgerald, baritone; Miss Elizabeth Wellington Lord,
 reader; Miss Edith Waterman, pianist and accompanist.
- Feb. 21. Concert by the "Arion Ladies' Mandolin, Banjo, and Guitar Club." Miss Ina G. Bagnall, director, mandolin and banjeaurine; Miss Emma I. Ladd, mandolin and banjeaurine; Miss Eleanor S. Hayden, mandolin and banjo; Miss May Cloyes, guitar; Miss Grace E. Sanborn, guitar and reader.
- Feb. 28. Concert and Readings. Harold G. Carver, boy soprano; John R. Reynolds, baritone; Miss Helen Apollonio, cornetist; Miss Marion G. Carver, reader; Miss Alice Apollonio, Miss Maud A. Emerson, accompanists.
- Mar. 7. Amateur Entertainment by the "Criterion Club."

 Seventeenth season; 177th performance, "Diplomacy," a play in four acts, from the French of M.

 Victorien Sardou, by Messrs. Clement Scott and B. C. Stevenson. Music, The Union Orchestra.
- Mar. 14. Concert and Readings by "Copley Square Trio."

 Miss Blanch Sears, violin soloist, mandolin; Miss

 Marion Whitaker, bells, xylophone; Miss M. Isola

 Sears, pianist, guitar, assisted by Bert Foland,
 reader and impersonator.
- Mar. 21. Concert and Readings. Miss A. Mabel Allen, contralto; Dr. George A. Stiles, tenor; Ernest D. Green, baritone; Miss June W. Southwell, reader; Miss Edith Waterman, accompanist.
- Mar. 28. Entertainment by the "Union Elocution Class," under the direction of the teacher, Prof. Charles Bickford. Music, The Union Orchestra.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RECEPTION.

Public Anniversary and Reception, 48th Year.

The Annual Reception was given Wednesday, May 31, taking place in the midst of "Anniversary Week," and was

a successful closing to our winter activities. We were favored by the presence of many notable guests, who with our respected President received in the Directors' Room, decorated appropriately with flowers and bunting for the occasion.

The Reception.

The receiving party was made up of Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, Governor Roger Wolcott, and President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard College.

The Members of the Board joined with a large special Reception Committee of young men to make all visitors welcome.

There were no speeches, but sociability and music were in order in all parts of the great building.

The Music. In The Union Hall the "Tufts College Glee, Mandolin, and Guitar Club" charmed many listeners, while those in the Library were entertained by the "Beacon Ladies' Orchestra," and in the Gymnasium The Union Orchestra played lively strains, and the gymnasium members performed feats of strength and agility illustrating the value of that department.

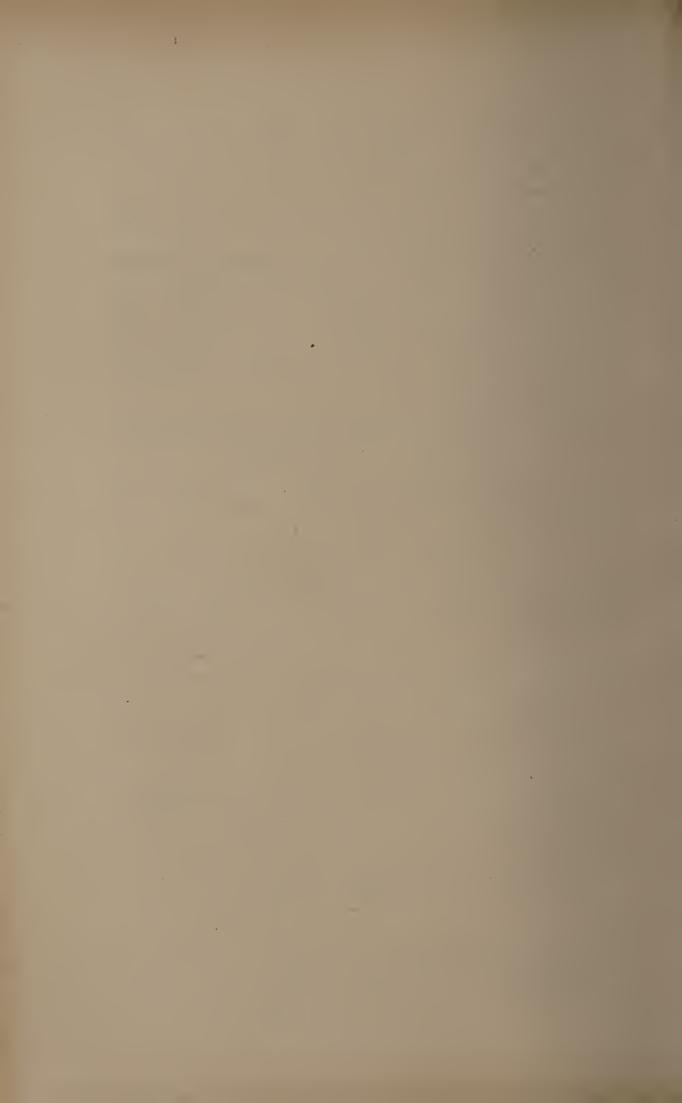
Samples of the work of the Art Class were exhibited in Class Room 3, and these practical results of the season's labors attracted much commendation.

The President, as in previous years, received from prominent men and women in all walks of life numerous letters expressing regrets, and also deep interest in our welfare.

The rooms were made most attractive by the green of many potted plants, which, together with cut flowers, were generously donated by Messrs. Galvin Bros.

This reception, which marked the close of our season, was thoroughly enjoyed by all our guests, who dispersed at a late hour, after an evening of sociability and good cheer.

CHARLES L. BURRILL, *Chairman*. EDWARD A. CHURCH. FRANK L. LOCKE.



COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.



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SIR WALTER SCOTT.

During the past year the Library has been under the care of Richard Ray, Jr. The following report by him shows the general condition of the Library during the year:—

Number of volumes at the beginning of the year	
(April 1, 1899)	15,302
Added by donation	•
Added by purchase 646	
Bound from periodicals	
Missing volumes returned	775
	16,077
Missing and discarded	792
Number of volumes in Library at present time .	15,285
Number of volumes rebound during the year	660
Number of volumes discarded and replaced	46
Issued for home reading	21,605
Charged (April 1, 1900) as out	57 I

Reading=
The Reading=room receives regularly nineteen dailies (of which four are duplicated), sixty-five weeklies, forty-three monthlies, and four quarterlies, making a total of one hundred and thirty-one periodicals.

STUDY.

Number of volumes at the beginning of the	ar			325		
Added by donation					11	
Missing volumes returned					4	15
						340
Missing at annual examination	•	٠	•	•		20
Number of volumes in study at present time						320

Work.

The history of the work of the Library for the past year, if given in detail, would fill many pages. The new books added and prepared with care for circulation, the constant replacing of books upon the shelves where they belong when not in use, the numerous demands for the popular and prominent books of the day, the inquiries of interested readers seeking information, and countless other daily duties and opportunities, all together make up the story of a busy and interesting year.

The plan of administration has been practically the same as in former years.

The Library has, during the past year, entertained within its bright and attractive reading-room thousands of young men for the purposes of study, thoughtful reading, or recreation.

Force.

Successful from the beginning (1851), it has always had a patronage commensurate with its growth and facilities; and the Committee are happy to note its activity,

its widening sphere of usefulness, and educational force.

to Shelves.

Unrestricted access to the shelves has from the first been one of the important rules of the Library, and every member of the Union is welcome to personally select from the shelves books for reading in the rooms or for home use, the latter in all cases to be registered at the desk of the librarian.

Reference
Books.

The reference collection, consisting of dictionaries, encyclopædias, etc., has been in steady demand, and has been appreciated and utilized by large numbers seeking information from this source.

No statistics have been kept of those who have visited the Reading-room to consult books or periodicals, but the attendance has been unusually large.

The room is open every day (Sundays and holidays included) from 9 A.M. to 10 P. M.

Quality of Literature.

Committee as to the quality of literature added, to keep the standard of reading high, to encourage a larger number of members to read good, healthful, and useful books, and to inspire in every young man who comes in contact with the Library a higher ideal of life, which will lead to practical results.

Magazines for Home Reading.

England, Outing, and Scribner's—
are prepared every month for home reading, each member being allowed one of these magazines in addition to one volume at a time from the Library.

The circulation of the above for the year was as

follows: Century, 409; Harper's, 387; Scribner's, 403; Outing, 172; New England Magazine, 105,—making a total circulation of 1,476.

The annual examination was made in the summer of 1899, without closing the Library, the card catalogue continued, manuscript lists of new books posted frequently, printed lists of new additions to the Library issued as supplements to *The Union Bulletin*, and all applications for books not in the Library have received careful attention; and books thus recommended, if deemed suitable by the Committee, have been purchased and placed on the shelves.

The principal collections in the Library are located as follows:—

	elves.
Poetry and Drama	-I 2
Fiction	-105 1-7 -426 -468
History	-200 -405 -475
Biography and Correspondence	-229 -318 -336 -412 -489
Travel and Description	77/
Political Economy, Social Science, etc \ 256 434	-259 -437
	-255
Architecture	
Electricity	432
Music	431
Natural Science	-267 -273
Literature and Miscellaneous	

Theology, etc.							•			106-135
Bound volumes	of	Pe	rio	dic	als					340-377
Books of Refere	enc	е								378-398

WM. L. RICHARDSON, *Chairman*. HENRY H. SPRAGUE. WM. H. BALDWIN.



COMMITTEE ON ROOMS.





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Committee on Rooms. The duties of this Committee embrace the general care of the entire building and the particular supervision of all the rooms used by the Union and the making of all general repairs.

The repairs in so large a building as the Union are numerous and extensive.

During the past year a gallery has been added in the Gymnasium, also a new hand-ball court, both of which are greatly appreciated by the members of the Repairs.

Gymnasium. Three new floors of oak were laid in the rooms adjoining the parlor. These rooms are used for games, and are open from 7.30 to 9.45 each evening during the week, except Sunday. They are also used by the Secretary of the Country Week during the day.

Two scenes have been painted for The Union Hall, and the heating apparatus has been attended to. These, with minor repairs, cover the work for the past year.

Herbert C. Bronsdon has continued as Curator,
Richard Ray, Jr., Librarian, James H. Dalton, BookPersonnel keeper, Henry C. Herman, Janitor.
David T. Harding, Carpenter, attending to the general repairs about the building, and Stephen N. Wigglesworth as Stage Director when The Union Hall has been in use.
Others have been employed as occasion required.

The Committee is happy to report that these gentlemen have shown the same industry and devotion to the interests of the Union which have characterized their work in past years. Their labors are often difficult and confining, and often draw largely upon their strength and patience; and it is due them again to commend them for the faithfulness with which they have discharged their duties.

Committee.

The Reception Committee is in attendance evenings to receive and introduce strangers, to give information, and contribute, as far as possible, to the enjoyment of those present. The following are members of the Committee: Herbert C. Bronsdon, Chairman, Benjamin Franklin, William P. Cheney, H. Thaxter Underwood, Frank Crawford, Arthur V. Howland.

Great credit is due to these gentlemen for their efforts to promote sociability among the members and to make the rooms homelike.

The Union Hall, on occasions of meetings and entertainments of the society, has been intrusted to the following corps of ushers, who have discharged their duties with energy and fidelity.

Ushers. Howard L. Coburn, Frank W. Bryant, E. Everett Arnold, Robert M. Bowen, Arthur H. McKenny, Robert M. Clarke, Frank Crawford, Walter B. Haines, Robert K. Johnson, Harry I. Sadler, Arthur V. Howland.

The attractions offered by the rooms have been well appreciated by the members, and the numbers who have frequented the rooms evenings have increased during the year. It is hoped that the use of the rooms may be still more marked during the coming year.

Chess. During the year the Chess Organization of last year was succeeded by the B. Y. M. C. U. Chess Club. At the annual meeting of the club in October the following officers were elected:—

Henry Pennypacker, President of the Chess Club; Joseph C. Cook, Secretary; Elbridge K. Newhall, Treasurer; and H. H. Cook, H. G. Daniel, A. O. Wetherbee, W. I. Kennard, Directors.

In the inter-club team matches the Union won first place, as follows:—

Nov. 11, 1899, Union won over Harvard with a score of 13-7; Dec. 2, 1899, Union won over Boston Press Club with a score of 4-2; Dec. 16, 1899, Union won over Somerville with a score of 5-1.

In other similar contests the Union has also been uniformly successful, having won every match it has played. The largest affair of this kind occurred on Washington's Birthday (Feb. 22, 1900), when the Union and Technology Chess Clubs played a Telegraphic Chess Match, with seventeen men on a side, against the Yale and New Haven Chess Clubs of New Haven, Conn., and won by a score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

A large number of the chess players from Boston and vicinity were present, this match being noteworthy as the largest of its kind ever played by telegraph, and was also the first telegraphic chess match ever won by a Boston team.

The club desires to express its gratitude for the many courtesies shown by President Baldwin, by Curator Bronsdon, and by others interested in this match, which rendered it a possibility and a success.

Gifts. The Committee gratefully acknowledges the receipt of gifts during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

· GEORGE PEIRCE.
GEORGE HUTCHINSON.



COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS.



COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS. April 1, 1900.

Committee
on Members.

When a man repeats an action, depending solely upon his own will, it may be assumed that he has derived either pleasure or profit, or both, from its performance.

Therefore, we rejoice that the **eighteen hundred** and sixty-nine (1,869) men who renewed their membership, four of whom became Life Members, have found something to attract them again to the Young Men's Christian Union.

It is also possible that they may have induced many of the **sixteen hundred and one** (1,601) other young men to join, for we find that number of new names upon the roll.

There are three (3) new subscription members, and eleven (11) subscription renewals; and, of these, three have made themselves Life Members.

There are forty-nine (49) new Life Members. So the record for the year 1899–1900 stands:—

New members	1,601
Renewals, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine (1,869), less	
four (4) who became Life Members	1,865
Subscriptions	3
Subscription renewals, eleven (11), less three (3) who be-	
came Life Members	8
Life Members	49
Life Members April 1, 1899	
Life Members omitted from previous reports 2	
2,060	
Life Members reported deceased in 1899–1900 . 32	2,028
Total Membership, March 31, 1900	5,554

Life Members. Thirty-two (32) of those friends whose active interest and friendly counsel encouraged the work which is carried on here have been removed by death from our Life Membership list. Their loss we lament and their friendship we shall miss, though their influence still remains.

Many business men and others have provided special donations, and their young friends have accepted the privilege of becoming Life Members.

On April 1, 1900, there were two thousand and seventy-seven (2,077) Life Members; and the names of six hundred and sixty-two (662) now deceased (marked *) appear in the following list.

Upon payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25) each new member will receive a membership card and a neatly framed Life Member's certificate.

It is desired that information of the decease of Life Members whose names are not so marked should be sent to the President, William H. Baldwin, 48 Boylston Street.

For full list of Life Members to April 1, 1900, see the following pages.

LIFE MEMBERS.

The President would appreciate information for our records, as to change of address of any Life Member, by postal card, addressed to William H. Baldwin, President, 48 Boylston Street, Boston, or telephone Oxford 123.

Abbot, Eugene B. Abbot, Frederic B. *Abbot, H. W. Abbot, Henry W., Jr. *Abbott, Jere: Abbott, J. Russell Aborn, Bertram Aborn, Hermon *Adams, Alvin Adams, Arthur A. Adams, Benjamin F. Adams, C. Henry Adams, Charles Henry Adams, E. P. Adams, Frank H. Adams, Thomas F. Adams, Walter B. Adams, W.L. B. Adams, Zabdiel Boylston,*Appleton, Nathan Agassiz, Alexander *Ahl, Ralph P. Ainsley, John R. Albree, Edward C. Alden, Adelbert H. Alden, Morton Alderson, Victor C. Alexander, Charles E. Alexander, William V. Alford, Orlando H. *Alger, Francis Allen, Rev. Charles A. Allen, Charles W. Allen, Edward Everett Allen, J. Marshall Allen, John T. *Allen, Joseph H. *Allen, Stillman B. *Allen, Wm. E. Allen, William H. Allston, Philip J. Almy, John P. Ames, Rev. Charles G. *Ames, Frank M. *Ames, Fred L. Ames, Frederick L. Ames, Hobart Ames, John S. Ames, Oakes *Ames, Oakes A. *Ames, Oliver

Ames, Oliver Ames, Oliver, Jr. Ames, Richard Ames, William Hadwen Ames, Winthrop *Amory, Francis *Amory, Wm. Anderson, Robert G. *Andrew, John F. *Andrews, Chas. H. Andrews, Edwin W. Andrews, Frank W. *Andrews, William T. Angell, George T. Angier, Roswell Parker Anthoine, William J. Anthony, S. Reed [Jr. Applebee, William M. *Appleton, Samuel Appleton, Wm., M.D. Appleton, William S. Arbecam, B. L. Armington, Jas. R., Jr. Armsby, Walter H. Armstrong, Geo. E. Armstrong, George W. Armstrong, Robert N. Arnold, E. Everett Atherton, Chas. F. Atherton, Fred W. Atherton, Geo. E. Atherton, Geo. E., Jr. *Atherton, Samuel *Atherton, William Atkins, Edwin F. *Atkins, Elisha *Atkins, Henry H. *Atkinson, William P. Atwood, Revere E. *Aubrey, Edwin Lawrence Bangs, Charles McClary *Austin, Edward *Avery, Abraham *Ayer, Rev. Adams *Babcock, James F. Bacon, Frederic A. Bacon, Francis C.

Bacon, Francis W.

Bacon, Jerome A.

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Teele, John O. Temple, Thomas F. Tenny, Arthur E. Tenney, John S. Terrill, A. Mack Tewksbury, Frank E. *Thacher, Charles A. Thacher, George Thacher, Geo. Churchill Thacher, Geo. W. *Thacher, Isaac ·Thatcher, Frank D. *Thaxter, A. W., Jr. Thaxter, Gerald Nash Thayer, Bayard *Thayer, Charles E. Thayer, Charles H. Thayer, Charles I. Thayer, Rev. Chris. T. Thayer, Edward K. Thayer, Eugene V. R. Thayer, Eugene V. R., Jr. Tucker, Geo. R. Thayer, Frank B. Thayer, Rev. Geo. A. Thayer, John E. Thayer, John E., Jr. *Thayer, John Eliot *Thayer, Joseph H. *Thayer, Nathaniel Thayer, Nathaniel Thayer, Nathaniel N. *Thayer, S. V. R. Thomas, Harry L. Thomas, Jas. F. *Thomas, Joseph B. Thomas, Rev. Reuen, D.D. Turner, Frank G. Thompson, Charles G. Thomson, James D. *Thorndike, John H. Thurston, W. A. Ticknor, Benjamin Holt Tilden, Amos K. Tilden, Geo. T. *Tilden, Rev. Wm. P. Tilden, Wm. P. Tileston, James C. Tillinghast, C. B. Tilly, Chas. R. Tinkham, Geo. H. *Titcomb, Albert C. Titcomb, William Graves Uhlman, William

Todd, Charles J. *Tolman, James Tolman, James P. *Tompkins, Arthur G. Torrey, Charles Torrey, Charles Everett Torrey, Harry Bowen Torrey, James M. * Totman, Stark Tourtellot, Samuel M. Tower, Aug. Clifford Tower, Richard S. Tower, William A. Townsend, B. B. Townsend, Charles Townsend, Edward B. Townsend, Stephen S. Tripp, Pelatiah R. Tuck, Henry, M.D. Tucker, Alanson *Tucker, Daniel *Tucker, W. W. Tuckerman, C. S. Tufts, James W. *Tunis, Rev. John Tupper, George C. Turner, Albion B. Turner, Alfred Francis Turner, Azro, Jr. Turner, Benjamin S. Turner, Bryant Rawson Turner, Charles Nichols Turner, Edward C. Turner, Everett P. Turner, Fred. A. Turner, Fred. A., Jr. Turner, Herbert B. Turner, Howard C. *Turner, Job A. Turner, John Bryant *Tuttle, Henry H. Tuttle, Joseph H. Tuttle, T. Edmund *Tyler, Charles H. *Tyler, Lorin F. Tyler, Thomas H.

*Upham, Geo. P. Upham, James H. *Upton, Geo. B. Van Buskirk, Joseph *Van Praag, J. Van Tassell, Edwin R. Vestergarde, Christy N. *Vila, Joseph *Vinal, Rev. Charles C. Vinson, T. Melville *Vorse, Rev. Albert B. [M.D.*Wade, Reuben S. W.,*Wadleigh, E. A. Wadleigh, Thomas Prescott *Wadsworth, Alex. Wagenfeldt, Henry J. *Wakefield, Cyrus Waldron, Frank Vaughn Waldron, Walter Charles Wales, E. de W. *Wales, George W. *Wales, Thomas B. *Walker, Edward C. R. Walker, Frederick Clinton Walker, George Albert *Walker, George P. K. Walker, Harry Cragin Walkley, Rev. Albert Wallace, Lachlan *Ward, George Cabot *Ward, George L. Ward, Reginald H. Ward, Samuel E. Ware, Arthur L. *Ware, Chas. E., M.D. *Ware, Rev. J. F. W. *Ware, Rev. Loammi G. Ware, Richard Darwin Ware, Thomas M., Jr. *Warren, Alfred B. Turner, Philip Humphrey *Warren, Edward, M.D. *Warren, George W. Warren, Joseph Warren, William L. *Warren, Wm. Wilkins Washburn, Geo. W. *Washburn, Miles Wass, A. Stanley

Waters, James

*Waters, Dr. George F. *Waterston, Robert *Waterston, Rev. R. C. *Watson, David S. Watson, Frank L. Watson, Ralph Kimball Watson, Thos. A. Watson, Thomas Bell Watson, Thomas J. Webber, Fred W. Weber, Emile John Webster, Andrew G. Webster, Augustus F. Webster, David L. Webster, Frank G. Webster, Franklin A. *Weeks, Allen S. Weeks, Andrew G. Weeks, Andrew G., Jr. *Weeks, James H. Weeks, Warren B. P. Weeman, Frank L. Weil, Charles Weis, Leonard Welch, George Cogswell Weld, A. Winsor Weld, Rev. Chas. R. *Weld, Otis E. Weld, Walter Winsor *Weld, William F. Wellington, Cornelius Wellington, Edmund S. *Wellington, Henry W. Wellington, Wm. A. Wells, Charles G. Wells, Fred E. *Wells, Henry B. *Wells, Herbert C. Wells, Samuel Wendte, Rev. C. W. Wentworth, Henry A. Wentworth, Samuel Wesson, James L. Weston, Henry C. Weston, Justus P. *Weston, R. W. Weston, Wm. B. Wetherbee, J. Otis Wetherbee, Winthrop Wetherell, Chas. B.

Wetherell, Charles B., Jr. Whitney, Waldo T. Wetherell, George H. *Wetherell, John G. Wheatland, George Wheeler, Alex. S. *Wheeler, Chas. *Wheeler, Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Frank Allen Wheeler, George H. *Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Wm. A., Jr. Wheelwright, John W. Wheelwright, Richard C. *Wheldon, Wm. G. Whipple, Frank Edward *Whipple, Harry Adams Whipple, John J. *Whipple, John Reed Whiston, Edward A. Whitaker, George E. Whitcomb, Henry C. Whitcomb, Henry F. *Whitcomb, William H. *White, Benjamin C. White, Chas. G. White, David *White, F. B. White, George R. White, Herbert L. White, John, Jr. White, McDonald Ellis White, Ralph H. Whitehouse, George E. Whiting, Albert T. Whiting, Caleb K. Whiting, Fred E. *Whiting, Harold *Whiting, William Whiting, William S. Whitman, Allan H. Whitman, Fred N. Whitman, Henry Whitman, Jas. H. Whitman, William Whitmore, Joseph P. *Whitney, Geo. D. *Whitney, Joseph Whitney, Nathaniel D. Whitney, Theo. D.

Whitney, Wm. L. *Whitney, W. S. Whiton, Chauncey G. *Whiton, David Whiton, David T. Whiton, Elijah Whiton, Ezra J. Whiton, Herbert S. Whiton, Joseph L. *Whiton, L. C. Whiton, Morris F. Whittemore, George C. *Whitten, Chas. Newhall *Whitten, Charles V. Whitten, Paul Endicott Whittier, Charles Whittier, Charles D. Whittington, Hayward P. Whittington, Hiram Wicks, Rev. Frank S. C. *Wigglesworth, Edward *Whitcomb, William Fred. *Wigglesworth, Ed., M.D. Wigglesworth, George Wigglesworth, Stephen N. Wightman, Luther H. Wilbur, Bradford M. Wilbur, Chas. A. Wilbur, George B. Wilder, Bowman Fred'k. Wilder, Frederick Gilson *Wilkins, Daniel G. Willard, Charles S. Willard, E. W. Willard, George A. *Willcutt, Peter L. Williams, David W. Williams, Edgar H. Williams, Edward H. Williams, Franklin D. Williams, Franklin S. Williams, Geo. B. Williams, Henry Bigelow Williams, Dr. Jacob L. Williams, John D. Williams, John T. Williams, Robert B. Williams, Samuel S. C. *Williams, Thomas B. Williams, Wm. B.

*Willis, Clement Willis, Edward H., Jr. Willis, George A.

*Wilmarth, Henry D. Wilson, Rev. Daniel M.

Wilson, Edward B.

Wilson, John Wilson, John F.

Wilson, Winslow Abbott Winder, John White

Wingate, Charles E. L. Winkelman, Frederick Wm. Woods, Edwin H.

Winkley, Hobart W. Winkley, Rev. S. H.

Winship, J. P. C.

Winslow, Andrew Nicker-*Woodward, Charles C.

Winslow, Geo. H.

Winslow, Roland Winsor, F. Herbert *Winsor, Joseph Wise, John H. Witherell, Herbert F.

*Willson, Rev. Edmund B. *Wolcott, J. Huntington

Wolcott, Roger Wood, Harris R. *Woodberry, Henry Woodman, Arthur L. Woodman, Frank E.

*Woodman, George F. *Woodman, J. Gilbert Woodruff, Frank D.

Woods, Fred L. *Woods, Henry T.

[son Woods, Walter H.

Winslow, Frederic BradleeWoodward, Edward Oliver

Woodward, Milton T.

Woodward, Wm. Alphonse Zell, Lucian M. Woolf, Abram R.

Woolson, James A. Worcester, Rev. J. Worcester, William L. Wormwood, George A. Wren, Edward, Jr. Wright, John B. *Wright, John Seward

Wright, Philip Green Wright, Walter Channing

*Wyman, George H. *Wyman, Howard

Young, Charles L. [D.D. Young, Rev. Edward J.,

Young, Fred. H. Young, George A.

Ziegler, Frederick E.

The following are the names of Life Members who have died during the year ending March 31, 1900:—

Reuben E. Demmon,													April 22, 1899.
Lewis Charles Ray, .													May 10, 1899.
Francis Minot, M.D.,													May 11, 1899.
Dan Y. Messer,													May 13, 1899.
Reuben K. Rice,													May 22, 1899.
Philip Henry Savage,													June 4, 1899.
Rev. George H. Hosme													July 2, 1899
Henry B. Wells,													July 19, 1899.
Joshua Hammond, .													Sept. 2, 1899.
Stephen W. Marston,													Sept. 3, 1899.
Charles H. Gass,													Sept. 11, 1899.
Charles E. Stevens, .													Sept. 14, 1899.
Oakes Angier Ames,												Ì	Sept. 19, 1899.
John Hamilton Rice,												i	Sept. 25, 1899.
Isaac P. T. Edmands,												·	Oct. 2, 1899.
John C. Ropes,												•	Oct. 28, 1899.
George T. Hill, Jr., .												•	Nov. 6, 1899.
Rev. Samuel May, .												•	Nov. 24, 1899.
Charles N. Whitten, .												•	Nov. 28, 1899.
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Supply T. Sharp,											•	•	Dec. 21, 1899.
Albert C. Titcomb, .												٠	Dec. 21, 1899.
J. Alba Davis,									٠			٠	Jan. 14, 1900.
Oliver H. Durrell, .								•	٠			٠	Jan. 31, 1900.
Charles F. Farlow, .												٠	Feb. 6, 1900.
Walter H. Brown, .											•	٠	Feb. 14, 1900.
Arthur Appleton Beebe												٠	March 11, 1900.
Beza Lincoln,	•	٠	٠	٠.	٠	•	•	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	March 20, 1900.
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Cornelius Henry,													June 10, 1894.
Charles S. Dodge, .													Jan. 17, 1898.
John F. Caldwell, .													March 11, 1898.
John F. Cady,										ĺ.	i		Jan. 12, 1899.
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SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERS.

The figures in parentheses represent the number of subscriptions (of five dollars each) paid. The payment of the fifth subscription constitutes a Life Membership, and the name of any member making such payment will also be found in the Life Membership list.

Boyden, Lewis E. (1st) Briggs, Eugene H. (2d) Chaplin, Lyndon W. (3d) Clapp, R. Dexter (2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th) Doane, A. W. (1st) Dodd, Horace (3d) Dodswortli, Harry T. (1st) Farrar, Amos T., Jr. (2d) *Forristall, Ezra (2d) Gaertner, Alexander (1st) Grant, Charles E. (1st) Harrington, George H. (5th) Hoar, D. Blakeley (1st) Kingsbury, Addison (1st) Locke, Wm. W. (2d) Macomber, A. M. (3d)

Martin, Alexander (1st)
Maxwell, George H. (4th)
McBarron, John Wm. (1st)
McMullin, Joseph R. (1st)
Numan, J. E (2d)
Prager, Philip (2d)
Ryder, Horace G. (3d)
Sawyer, Herbert H. (3d)
Sears, Henry T., M.D. (1st)
Seaver, Charles M. (3d, 4th, and 5th)
Smith, William J. (2d)
Stratton, Charles E. (3d)
Todd, James G. (1st)

Margetts, W. T. (3d)

Wells, Edwin H. (2d)

Whitney, Charles A. (1st)

* Deceased.

The following statistics cannot fail to be of interest to the members and friends of the Union,—statistics which give this constant increase in numbers alluded to.

Taking the consecutive reports of the past ten years,

— issued April 1, each year,— we make note of the following memberships:—

April 1, 1891, 5,110.	April 1, 1896, 5,374.
April 1, 1892, 5,115.	April 1, 1897, 5,403.
April 1, 1893, 5,171.	April 1, 1898, 5,446.
April 1, 1894, 5 ,116.	April 1, 1899, 5,483.
April 1, 1895, 5,241.	April 1, 1900, 5,554.

GEORGE PEIRCE, Chairman.

JOHN R. AINSLEY.

WILLIAM H. BROWN.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT ACTION.



COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT ACTION.

This important department of our Christian Union work has been carried on during the past season with conscientious devotion on the part of our workers, with generous support from our donors, and with the cordial appreciation of our beneficiaries.

Our three special enterprises have been operated with vigor and success.

"Country Week," and the statistics of its twentyfifth season are as follows:

Number of children sent into the country	. 2,778
Number of adults sent into the country	. 289
Total	. 3,067
Cash on hand April 1, 1899	
Expenses	\$17,238.90
Balance March 31, 1900	\$530.12

A quarter of a century has so well established this work in our city that no elaborate explanation of its details is called for.

Briefly stated, it provides summer vacations in the country for some of our less fortunate friends, giving many children and a few mothers a taste of country joys not otherwise available to them. It brings health

to many pining little ones and rest and refreshing to many weary hearts.

With increased contributions the work may be much extended, and it is hoped that they may be received.

A special report of the Country Week, containing many interesting and attractive features, may be had on application at the Union office.

The enterprise owes much of its success to the faithful service of a special committee, whose names are here given.

Special Committee.

Miss S. E. Hearsey.

Miss Louise Howe.

Miss Adelaide Hall.

Miss C. I. Field.

Miss A. Lora Weis.

Robert A. Woods.

Miss Mary E. Pierce.

Miss Mabel Wilbur.

Miss Edward A. Church.

Miss Bertha D. Eaton.

Miss Elise S. Johnson, Secretary.

Rides for Invalids.

About twenty-five years ago some generous heart was moved with compassion for those invalids and "shut-ins" who could afford no outings, and this beautiful work was inaugurated.

It has ever since continued in charge of the Christian Union, and is believed to be the only enterprise of its kind in the city.

It provides for our invalid friends carriage, car, and boat rides, furnishing transportation to and from the hospitals, occasional school conveyance for crippled children, and park, country, and harbor excursions. Though designed especially for invalids, it extends its benefits to many little children and weary mothers, and thus seconds the work of the "Country Week" and kindred undertakings.

Naturally, the chief demand for this service is in the

summer; but it is in operation through the entire year. Statistics for the year follow, with a list of the institutions which have assisted in distributing these privileges.

Carriage ord	ers														1,660
Harbor ticke	ets		•						•		:				1,060
Electric car	ticke	ets		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	9,211
Total .			•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		11,931
Balance Apr	il r,	18	99			•				•			•	•	\$1,134.98
Receipts .		•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•		2,276.50
															\$3,411.48
Expenses .		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1,997.50
Balance	Ma	rch	31	, I	900)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$1,413.98 =====

List of institutions which have assisted in distributing tickets and carriage orders:—

Associated Charities. Baptist Tabernacle. Barnard Memorial. Berkeley Temple. Bethany Home. Boston Children's Aid Society. Boston Children's Friend Society. Boston Co-operative Building Com. pany. Boston Female Asylum. Boston Lying-in Hospital. Boston Provident Association. Boston Young Women's Christian Association. Bulfinch Place Church. Carney Hospital. Channing Home. Children's Hospital. Children's Mission. Christ Church. Church of the Advent. Church of the Ascension. Church of the Good Shepherd.

Church of Our Father, East Boston.

City Hospital.

Consumptives' Home. Cottage Place Day Nursery. Denison House. Elizabeth Peabody House. Emmanuel Church. Episcopal City Mission. Every-day Church. Fraternal Council of Churches. Free Home for Consumptives. Free Hospital for Women. Gwynne Temporary Home. Harvard Street Baptist Church. Home for Aged Colored Women. Home for Aged Couples. Home for Aged Men. Home for Aged Women. Home for Aged Women, Roxbury. Homœopathic Medical Dispensary. House of the Good Samaritan. House of Mercy. Hunt Asylum for Destitute Children. Improved Dwellings Association. Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children.

City Missionary Society.

Instructive District Nursing Association.

Jamaica Plain Friendly Society.

Lend a Hand.

Lend a Hand Home and Hospital.

Massachusetts General Hospital.

Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

Miss Burnap's Free Home.

Morgan Chapel.

N.E. Deaconesses' Home.

N.E. Dispensary.

N.E. Hospital for Women and Children

N.E. Moral Reform Society.

Olivet Church.

Ruggles Street Neighborhood House.

Shaw Day Nursery.

Society for the Employment of Bible Readers.

Society Prevention Cruelty to Children.

South Congregational Church.

South End Diet Kitchen.

South End Industrial School.

South End House.

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South Friendly Society.

St. Andrew's House.

St. Augustine's Church.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

St. John's Church, Roxbury.

St. Luke's Home for Convalescents.

St. Margaret's Home.

St. Mary's, East Boston.

St. Monica's Home for Colored Women.

St. Paul's Church.

Sunnyside Day Nursery.

Temple Street Methodist Church.

Tremont Temple.

Trinity Church.

Unity Church, South Boston.

University Settlement.

Vincent Memorial Hospital.

Volunteer Aid Association.

Winchester Home for Aged Women.

Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

Young Ladies' Charitable Society.

Christmas Festival. The Twenty-seventh "Christmas and New Year's Festival for Poor Children" was celebrated most joyously in The Union Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 30,

About six hundred and fifty children were present (all that the hall could hold), and they had "a real good time."

It began with one of President Baldwin's cordial welcomings, which was followed by an amusing pantomime performance by "The Partellos." This made rare fun for the children, and put them in a proper spirit for the reception of Santa Claus, who next appeared in the person of Mr. Samuel Oliver, making things very merry for the little ones.

One of the most delightful features of these enter-

tainments is the singing of the children. Led by the cornet, they gave vigorous renderings of the "Starspangled Banner," "Marching through Georgia," "Hot Time," and other musical familiarities.

The collation followed; and an able corps of young men and maidens were kept very busy for a while in their efforts to supply six hundred and fifty open mouths with sandwiches, cake, ice-cream, etc.

When all had finally been served, the children gave, as a kind of "grace after meat," "America." Then they filed slowly out of the hall, each receiving from Santa Claus, in passing, a box of candy.

In Norcross Hall another lively scene was by this time under way. Here the children had left their outer garments, and here they were again cloaked for the return home by friendly hands.

The climax of the whole affair was found in a generous package of useful and carefully selected articles (clothing, shoes, books, toys, etc.), which was handed to every child on leaving.

Music for the occasion was furnished by The Union Orchestra.

The following is the Financial Statement; and, besides the contributions of money here indicated, many valuable donations of garments, material, books, toys, etc., were received from considerate friends.

Balance April	Ι, Ι	89	9	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	\$180.61
Receipts	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	٠	٠	٠		•	•	•	•	•	1,739.75
															\$1,920.36
Expenditures	•	•		٠	•	•		•	•	٠	•	•	•		1,719.32
Balance M	lare	ch	31,	19	00	•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	٠	\$201.04

The great work of preparation was carried through by a faithful and enthusiastic Committee whose names follow:—

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR 1899.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

Committee on Invitations.

Miss Sarah E. Hearsey. Miss E. Mabel Clarke.

Miss Elise S. Johnson. Frank L. Locke.

Miss Adelaide Hall. Frederick A. Bushée.

Mrs. John R. Ainsley. George Peirce.

Committee on Presents.

Mrs. Edward A. Church. Miss Annie C. Fisk.

Miss C. Louise Smith. Miss Mabel L. Locke.

Miss Minnie F. Ranney. Miss A. L. Crosby.

Miss Annie W. Cumings. Miss C. I. Field.

Horace S. Fowle. Miss Lizzie Richardson.

Mrs. C. L. Burrill. Miss Nannie Alexander.

Miss MARY E. PIERCE.

Committee on Refreshments.

Miss Edith Crehore.

Miss K. F. Tileston.

Miss Isabel Winslow.

James F. Thomas.

Miss Lucy M. Prince.

Walter H. Dugan.

Miss C. E. Jenks.

Miss C. F. Tileston.

Mrs. L. W. Page.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards.

*Dr. F. D. Stackpole.

Miss C. F. Whittier.

Committee on Tree and Entertainment.

JOHN H. EDWARDS. Miss JANE M. FURBER.

Miss Lillian Bowen. Miss Louise H. Murdock.

Miss Agnes Brooks. John R. Ainsley.

Frank B. Thayer. George Hutchinson.

Miss Mabel H. Holden. Charles L. Burrill.

Committee of the Board of Government.

EDWARD A. CHURCH. CHARLES L. BURRILL. FRANK L. LOCKE.

*Dr. Stackpole died during the preparations for the Festival. He had taken an active interest in this work and will be greatly missed from it.

The **Thanksgiving** Dinner.

On the 30th of November the Union celebrated its thirty-first Thanksgiving Dinner. The Union Hall was filled with tables, the tables were filled with eatables, and the chairs alongside were filled

with a happy and hungry crowd of young men who did full justice to the feast.

President Baldwin was the toastmaster, and speeches were made by Rev. Leighton Parks, D.D., Rev. Edward A. Horton, Mr. Isaac Fisher (assistant to Booker T. Washington), Col. Frank L. Locke, George W. R. Harriman, Herbert C. Bronsdon, Richard Ray, Jr., and Music was furnished by The Union several others. Orchestra and the Tuskegee Male Quartette.

Letters were read from Governor Wolcott, Secretary Long, Rev. Robert Collyer, and other friends of the Union. Generous supplies for the table were furnished by various hotels and business firms, and voluntary gifts of money from several friends; and the grand result was a most joyous and memorable one.

The Employment Bureau has con-Employment tinued its important work under Mr. Bureau. H. C. Bronsdon's judicious management, and has proved of value to both employers and employees.

Its privileges are not limited to Union members, and no charge is made for its services. Its record for the past year is as follows:—

Applications for	or	emp	olo	ym	ent								629
"	6	emp	olo	yee	es	•	•	•	•			•	250
Sent to places	•	•	•		•				•	•	•	•	247
Places filled													244

Clothing. The distribution of clothing is also a Union specialty, and the donations of generous friends have enabled Mr. Bronsdon to supply the needs of a number of worthy young men who might otherwise have suffered.

Board and Lodging.

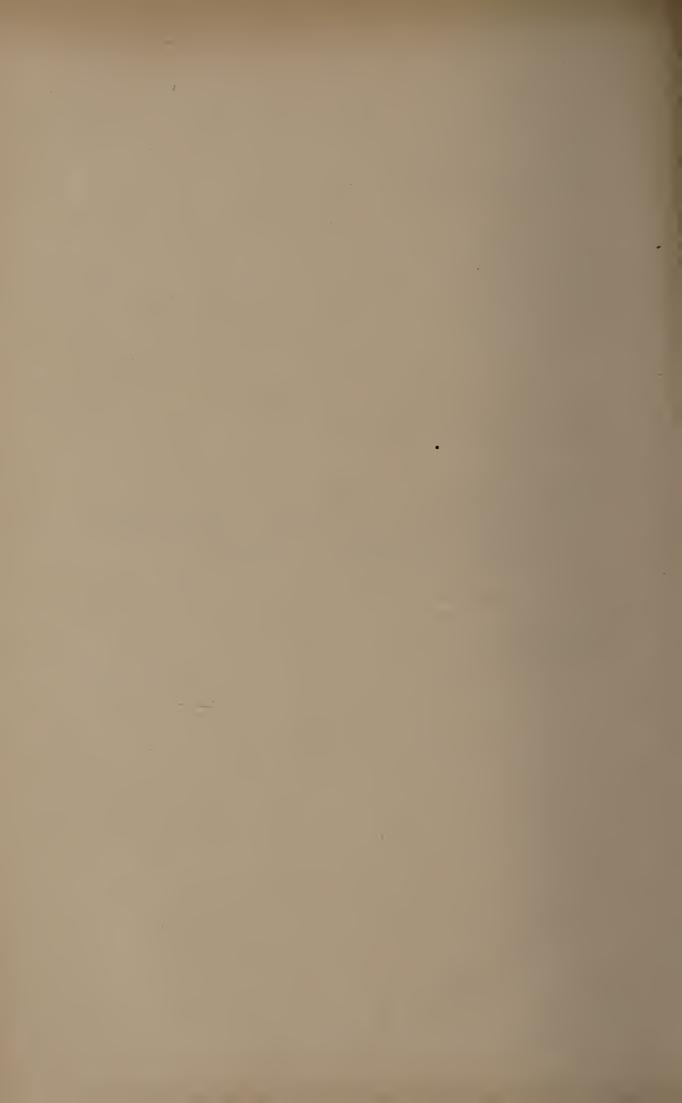
Board and lodging lists, carefully revised, are kept at the Union office, and may be consulted by any one at any time. They are often referred to, and have proved valuable to those seeking for either city or country homes.

The Sick. The care of the sick is also a feature of our work, and information is asked of any cases requiring attention.

As in previous years, Miss E. S. Johnson has been in especial charge of our "Country Week" and "Rides for Invalids," and has rendered much valuable assistance in other branches of our work. We are also indebted to many other helpers whose free and devoted services have become indispensable in our work, and perhaps most of all to the generous friends who supply the money that pays for what we try to do.

EDWARD A. CHURCH, *Chairman*. CHARLES L. BURRILL. FRANK L. LOCKE.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS STUDY.



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Public Religious Services. The Boston Young Men's Christian Union from its organization, now nearly a half of a century ago (in 1851), has always recognized the importance of the religious, moral, social, and physical ele-

ments,— these all combined in sound and decided proportions to help give to the young man a strong character, and thus fit him for a noble manhood, fully prepared to meet the varied experiences of life as they are presented to him.

Divine
Laws. To the young man we would say: It pays in every sense of the word to possess a high-toned moral and religious character. God has established moral and physical laws, laws which must be obeyed if we would have moral and physical health.

This great American nation stands firm and strong to-day because of the sure foundation upon which it was begun by our fathers in 1620.

With a positive belief in God, in his providential care of his children, they cherished a confident belief in the growth and permanence of this country, and determined, first of all, to establish the Christian Church, that the great future should be built upon an imperishable foundation.

For the healthy life and true success of the Christian Church of the future, the interest and hearty co-operation of the young men of our day must be secured. Young people can be of great help and value in the Christian Church, and derive a lasting benefit for themselves as well as giving life and healthy vitality to the Church in their youth.

We should do all in our power to make the Christian church attractive to the young, and to help influence them to take an active part in all that pertains to its interests and success. We should aim to educate the young to inwardly cherish the same spirit which filled the heart of the old prophet when he gave to the world that cheering and beautiful thought,—

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Public religious services have been held regularly in The Union Hall on Sunday evenings during the year just closed, with the exception of the hot months of July and August, when it was deemed advisable to omit them.

They have been conducted, as heretofore, by clergymen and laymen of the different religious denominations, and in the attendance and interest manifested have not been exceeded by those of any former years.

We here take occasion to express our gratitude and thanks to the clergy and laity of the different religious denominations for their kind services rendered, and also to those musical friends who have, during the past year, favored the Union by taking part in the services.

By many young people, especially those who are away from their homes, in the country or elsewhere, and residing in this city, the Rooms of the Christian Union are regarded as a home.

The regular Sunday evening services are highly valued and appreciated by many young people, and

by others, as the public, both ladies and gentlemen, are always cordially invited.

Vesper Cards have been issued each month, giving the names of speakers, with their subjects, music, and other information, which have been freely distributed to members and friends of the Union.

Your Committee are always happy to provide members with seats in any church of the city which they desire to attend, free or at a moderate expense, and render such other services as are in its power.

Summer List

of Clergymen.

As for several years past, a public invitation was extended to the clergymen of the different religious denominations who were to be in Boston or vicinity during the summer vacation season to send or leave their addresses with the President of the Union.

A full list was carefully prepared, which was freely consulted, and proved to be of great convenience to many persons who had occasion to desire the services of a clergyman during that time.

The following-named clergymen and laymen have conducted services from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900:—

Sunday Evenings in April.

1899.

April 2. Easter Vesper Service: Sermon by Rev. George Hodges, D.D., dean of the Episcopal School, Cambridge. Subject, "The Abolition of Death."

Special Easter music: Miss Angeline Andrews, Mrs. F. P. Whitney, sopranos; Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Flora E. Barry,

- contralto; David Earl Newland, tenor; D. M. Babcock, bass; Gerald Lambert, boy soloist; George Mendall Taylor, musical director.
- April 9. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. A. N. Foster, pastor of the Second Universalist Church, Lynn, Mass. Subject, "A Busy Man's Religion." Special music by the choir of his church: Miss Florence P. Redman, soprano; Miss Gertrude H. Nourse, alto; Frank W. Bugaw, bass; W. Fred Haskell, tenor and director.
- April 16. "Patriots' Day" Service (April 19): Illustrated lecture, Rev. W. S. Key, of Boston, formerly of old Boston, England. Subject, "In Pilgrim Land; or, A Visit to the Homes of our Forefathers in Old England." Fully illustrated by the stereopticon.
- April 23. Vesper Service: Sermon by Rev. Charles H. Porter, Jr., of Hingham, Mass. Subject, "The Image of the Heavenly." Special music: Mrs. Grace E. Kimball, soprano; Miss Helen Arenstrop, mezzosoprano; Robert B. Pierce, baritone.
- April 30. Vesper Service: Address by Chaplain D. H. Tribou, of the Navy Yard, Charlestown, Mass. Subject, "How We Found Out." Special music: Mrs. Grace E. Kimball, Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, sopranos; Miss Helen Arenstrop, mezzo-soprano; Robert B. Pierce, baritone.

Sunday Evenings in May.

- May 7. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. George H. Flint, assistant pastor Old South Church. Subject, "Empty Seats in Life: Public Life, Business, Education, Pleasure, Family, and Church." Special music: Mrs. Grace E. Kimball, soprano; Miss Helen Arenstrop, mezzo-soprano; Miss Floyd Sibley, contralto; Robert B. Pierce, baritone.
- May 14. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. J. Worsley Austin, of Dedham, Mass. Subject, "The Christian Knight."
 Special music: Miss Gertrude Walker, soprano;
 Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, mezzo-soprano; Miss Floyd Sibley, contralto; Robert B. Pierce, baritone.

- May 21. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Charles W. Duane, rector Christ Church, Salem Street, Boston. Subject, "What is the Good of Religion?" Special music: Miss Elizabeth G. Hastings, soprano; Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, Miss Helen Arenstrop, mezzo-sopranos.
- May 28. "Memorial Day" Service: Address by Rev. Charles W. Wendte, late from the Pacific Coast. Subject, "In Memory of our Nation's Heroic Dead." Special music by chorus of thirty-four ladies and gentlemen, under the direction of George Mendall Taylor.

Sunday Evenings in June.

- June 4. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, of Boston. Subject, "Shall we trust in Force or Love?" Special music: Mrs. F. P. Whitney, soprano; Harold G. Carver, boy soloist.
- June 11. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Philo W. Sprague, of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlestown, Mass. Subject, "What can we do to make the World Better?" Special music: Miss M. Margarite Vose, soprano; Miss Mary Andrews, mezzo-soprano; Miss Carrie E. Sherrill, contralto; Harold G. Carver, boy soprano; Lillian Buck, child singer.
- June 18. Vesper service: Address by Rev. J. M. Pullman, D.D., of the First Universalist Church, Lynn, Mass. Subject, "The New Understanding between Man and his Maker." Special music by the choir of his church: Mrs. Bertha N. Edlefson, soprano; Mrs. Seville D. Martyn, alto; Jewell Boyd, tenor; Charles M. Aborn, bass; Mrs. Kate M. Bruce, organist and director.
- June 25. Sacred Illustrated Lecture, by Rev. W. S. Key, formerly of old Boston, England. Subject, "Westminster Abbey, the Resting-place of Britain's Illustrious Dead." Illustrated by stereopticon (over 60 views).

Sunday Evenings in July and August.

Services omitted.

Sunday Evenings in September.

- New Course of Brief Addresses to Young People and Others, by Rev. A. D. Mayo, M.A., LL.D., of Boston, upon "Personal Conditions of National Welfare."
- Sept. 3. Vesper Service: First in the new course of addresses by Rev. A. D. Mayo, M.A., LL.D., of Boston. Special topic, "Character." Choice musical selections by Gerald Lambert, boy soprano. Congregational singing. Herbert W. Taylor, musical director.
- Sept. 10. Vesper Service: Second in the new series of addresses. Special topic, "Intelligence." Choice musical selections by Gerald Lambert, boy soprano. Congregational singing. George Mendall Taylor, musical director.
- Sept. 17. Vesper Service: Third in the new course of addresses.

 Special topic, "Respect for Liberty and Law."

 Special music. Mrs. F. P. Whitney, soprano.

 Congregational singing. Herbert W. Taylor, musical director.
- Sept. 24. An "Elijah" Vesper Service. George Mendall Taylor, musical director.

Sunday Evenings in October.

- Oct. I. An "Elijah" Vesper Service. The music was wholly from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." Address by Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, of Bulfinch Place Church, Boston. Subject, "Lessons for To-day from the Story of Elijah." Choice musical programme (solos, duets, quartets) by Mrs. F. P. Whitney, Mrs. Anna Clifford Breed, sopranos; Mrs. Flora E. Barry, contralto; Willard P. Gerrish, tenor; Robert Bruce, baritone; Gerald Lambert, boy soloist (as the youth); Howard Snelling, boy soprano. Under the direction of George Mendall Taylor, musical director.
- Oct. 8. Vesper Service: Sermon by Rev. George Hodges, D.D., Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge ERRATA. "The Indifference of the
- Sept. 24, 1899. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. James De Normandie, D.D., of Roxbury. Subject, "Hindrances." Special music. Mrs. F. P. Whitney, soprano; Howard Snelling, boy soprano.

- Saints." Special music by quartet: Mrs. H. Carleton Słack, soprano; Mrs. Flora E. Barry, contralto; John D. Shepard, tenor; Robert Bruce, bass.
- Oct. 15. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Charles F. Dole, of Jamaica Plain. Subject, "A Religion for Men and Boys." Special music: Miss Grace I. Stockwell, soprano; Perley L. Ellis, Harold G. Carver, boy sopranos.
- Oct. 22. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. D. H. Tribou, chaplain of the Navy Yard, Charlestown. Subject, "The Greatest in the Kingdom." Special music: Miss Blanche H. Paul, soprano; Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, mezzo-soprano; Miss Helen I. Googin, mezzo-contralto.
- Oct. 29. Vesper Service: Sermon by Rev. John Cuckson, of the Arlington Street Church, Boston. Subject, "The Love of God." Special music: Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, soprano; Eliot Hubbard, tenor; Gerald Lambert, boy soloist.

Sunday Evenings in November.

- Nov. 5. Vesper Service. Dr. James Rosedale (Wad-El-Ward), a native of Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, Palestine, a Karite of the tribe of Levi, delivered a lecture upon "Customs and Manners of the People of Palestine." Dr. Rosedale was accompanied by Mrs. Rosedale, who sang with him in several languages, including the songs of Zion in Hebrew, and appeared in the picturesque costume of the women of Canaan.
- Nov. 12. Vesper Service. Dr. James Rosedale (Wad-El-Ward), a native of Mount of Levi, delivered a lecture upon "Palestine as it was in the Past, and How it will be in the Future." Dr. Rosedale was accompanied by Mrs. Rosedale, who sang with him in several languages, including the songs of Zion in Hebrew, and appeared in the picturesque costume of the women of Canaan.
- Nov. 19. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Charles T. Billings, of Lowell, Mass. Subject, "The Reality of Evil." Special music: Mrs. H. Carleton Slack, soprano;

Mrs. Flora E. Barry, contralto; Frank B. Greeley, tenor; Nathan F. Lincoln, bass; Howard Snelling, boy soloist.

Nov. 26. Special Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Edward A. Horton, of Boston. Subject, "Thanksgiving, 1621–1899." Thanksgiving musical programme: Mrs. H. Carleton Slack, soprano; Miss Belle E. Bassett, contralto; Eliot Hubbard, tenor; Nathan F. Lincoln, bass; Gerald Lambert, boy soloist.

Sunday Evenings in December.

- Dec. 3. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Edward G. Porter, of Boston, president of New England Historic-Genealogical Society. Subject, "Four Instructive Scenes in New England History." Special music; Mrs. Albert P. Briggs, soprano; Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, mezzo-soprano; Perley L. Ellis, boy soprano.
- Dec. 10. Sacred Illustrated Lecture: Rev. Charles W. Wendte, late from the Pacific Coast. Subject, "Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation." 100 stereopticon slides.
- Dec. 17. "Forefathers' Day" Service (1620–1899): Address by Edwin D. Mead, of Boston, editor of New England Magazine. Subject, "The Message of Puritanism for this Time." Special music: Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, soprano; Mrs. Flora E. Barry, contralto; Annie May Whitten, child singer: Howard Snelling, boy soprano.
- Dec. 24. Christmas Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Philo W. Sprague, of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlestown. Subject, "The First Christmas Carol." Christmas musical programme: Mrs. F. P. Whitney, soprano; Miss Belle E. Bassett, contralto; Willard P. Gerrish, tenor; William T. Soulèe, baritone; Gerald Lambert and Howard Snelling, boy sopranos.
- Dec. 31. Close-of-the-year Service: Address by Rev. James De Normandie, D.D., of Roxbury. Subject, "The Close of the Year 1899." Special music: Mrs.

F. P. Whitney, soprano; Miss Alice M. Sibley, contralto; Annie May Whitten, child singer; Howard Snelling, boy soprano.

Sunday Evenings in January.

1900.

- Jan. 7. New Year's Service: New Year's Sermon by Rev. E. Winchester Donald, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, Boston. Special music: Mrs. H. Carleton Slack, soprano; Robert Bruce, baritone; Howard Snelling, boy soloist.
- Jan. 14. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. James Eells, of the First Church, Boston. Subject, "Some Lessons from 1800," giving a résumé of some of the greatest movements and achievements, together with their moral bearing. Special music: Mrs. II. Carleton Slack, soprano; Mrs. Edith McGregor Woods, contralto; David Earl Newland, tenor; H. Carleton Slack, baritone.
- Jan. 21. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Bradley Gilman, of Springfield, Mass. Subject, "Service; or, What the Civilized Man owes to the Community." Special music: Mrs. F. P. Whitney, soprano; Howard Snelling, J. Sidney Murphy, boy sopranos; Herbert E. Hopkins, baritone.
- Jan. 28. Sacred Illustrated Lecture: Rev. Thomas Edward
 Potterton, of West Somerville, Mass. Subject,
 "Ben-Hur, a Tale of the Christ." Fully illustrated
 by 90 stereopticon views.

Sunday Evenings in February.

Feb. 4. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. George E. Littlefield, Church of the Unity, Neponset. Subject,
"The Victory of the Will; or, Going Forward."
Special music: Mrs. B. C. Bowker, soprano; Herbert E. Hopkins, baritone; J. Sidney Murphy and
Perley L. Ellis, boy sopranos; Annie May Whitten,
child singer.

- Feb. 11. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. John Snyder, of Wellesley Hills. Subject, "Paul's Boast." Special music: Miss Gertrude I. Stockwell, mezzo-soprano; Miss Helen E. Matthews, contralto; Herbert E. Hopkins, baritone; J. Sidney Murphy, boy soprano; Annie May Whitten, child singer.
- Feb. 18. Special "Washington" Service. George Washington, born Bridge's Creek, Westmoreland County, Va., Feb. 22, 1732; died at Mount Vernon, Va., Dec. 14, 1799. Address by Rev. Leighton Parks, D.D., rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston. Subject, "The Influence of Washington." Special music: James H. Ricketson, tenor; Van Veachton Rogers, harpist; Howard Snelling, boy soprano.
- Feb. 25. Vesper Service: Address by Rev. Eugene R. Shippen,
 First Parish, Dorchester. Subject, "Civic Pride."
 Special music: Miss Effie L. Palmer, soprano;
 Miss Gertrude Taylor McKee, contralto; Henry
 Pew, tenor; W. B. Phillips, bass.

Sunday Evenings in March.

- Mar. 4. Sacred Illustrated Lecture: Rev. Frank O. Hall, of the Third Universalist Church, North Cambridge. Subject, "How the Bible came down to us." Illustrated by 100 stereopticon views.
- Mar. 11. Vesper Service: Chaplain D. H. Tribou, United States Navy. Subject, "Christianity's Answer to Doubt." Special music: Miss Gertrude Walker, soprano; Miss Helen E. Matthews, contralto; Julian P. Twitchell, tenor.
- Mar. 18. Vesper Service: Rev. Frank S. C. Wicks, of the First Parish, Brighton. Subject, "The Moral Responsibility of Admiration." Special music by the quartet choir of his church: Mrs. Robert G. Harris, soprano; Miss Bessie K. Bemis, contralto; H. F. Bryant, tenor; Horace J. Phipps, baritone. Mrs. Nelson Freeman, organist.
- Mar. 25. Vesper Service: Rev. Walter F. Greenman, of Watertown First Congregational Society. Subject, "Reciprocity: One of the Fundamental Principles of

Life." Special music: Mrs. H. Carleton Slack, soprano; Miss Sadie Palmer, contralto; Julian P. Twitchell, tenor; Herbert E. Hopkins, baritone; Frank Albion Howard, boy soprano.

During the past year the Sunday evening music has been in charge of George Mendall Taylor, musical director.

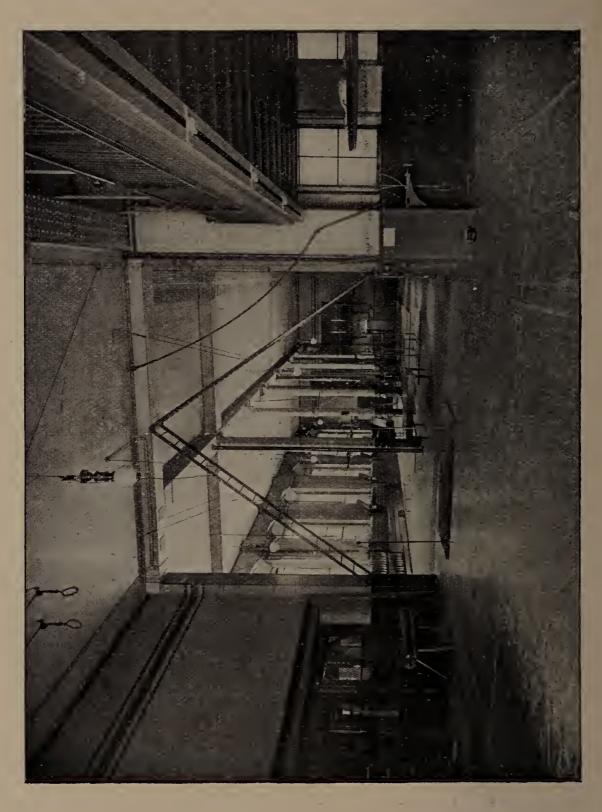
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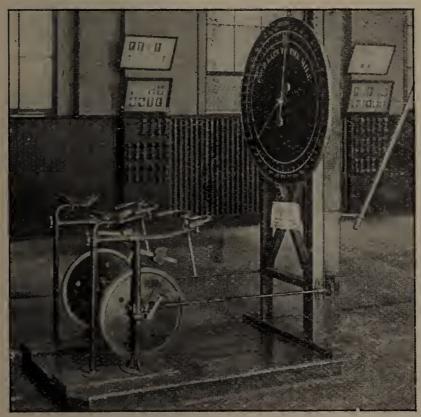
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COMMITTEE	ON	PHYS	ICAL	CULT	URE.



PHYSICAL CULTURE. The Union Gymnasium.



BICYCLE RACING MACHINE.

The Committee on Physical Culture is glad to report that the Union Gymnasium is in a most flourishing condition. During the year past the attendance has steadily in-

creased, the total number of members on April first being nearly 1,000, or 984 in exact figures.

This demonstrates beyond question the popularity of a gymnasium which is conducted on scientific and hygienic principles, and which is equipped with all the latest devices and improved apparatus which careful observation and study have suggested to those having in mind the rational physical training of men of all ages and conditions. The gymnasium of to-day is the natural outgrowth of that of the past, which graduated for the most part the athlete or acrobat, while modern physical training caters in a safe and

sensible way to the physical needs and sound development of the business man, the professional man, and the school-boy.

In consequence of the recent expansion both of our membership and our apparatus, additional floor

Additional
Floor Space.

space has become imperative; and during the year a handsome new gallery has been constructed at the easterly end of the Gymnasium, not only affording ample space for new apparatus, but greatly improving the general appearance of the room.

Contributing to the popularity of physical training in the Union Gymnasium is the class-work.



A GENERAL BATH-ROOM.

Class Work.

This important
feature
was almost
unknown a
generation
ago; but it
is now recognized
as a primary factor
in body
building,
and has

come to stay. It is no unusual spectacle to see a class of from eighty to one hundred young men going through the class drills to an inspiring musical accompaniment. The classes are divided into the following:

free movement, dumb-bell, Indian club, high bars, parallel bars, German horse, vaulting and tumbling. The instructors and leaders are: Superintendent German F. Hoffman, Assistant Superintendent Everett F. Parks, and Messrs. Charles B. Sanborn, John A. Dykeman, Augustus F. Cunio, and Walter S. Robbins. Special Classes for Boys are held every Saturday morning through the season.

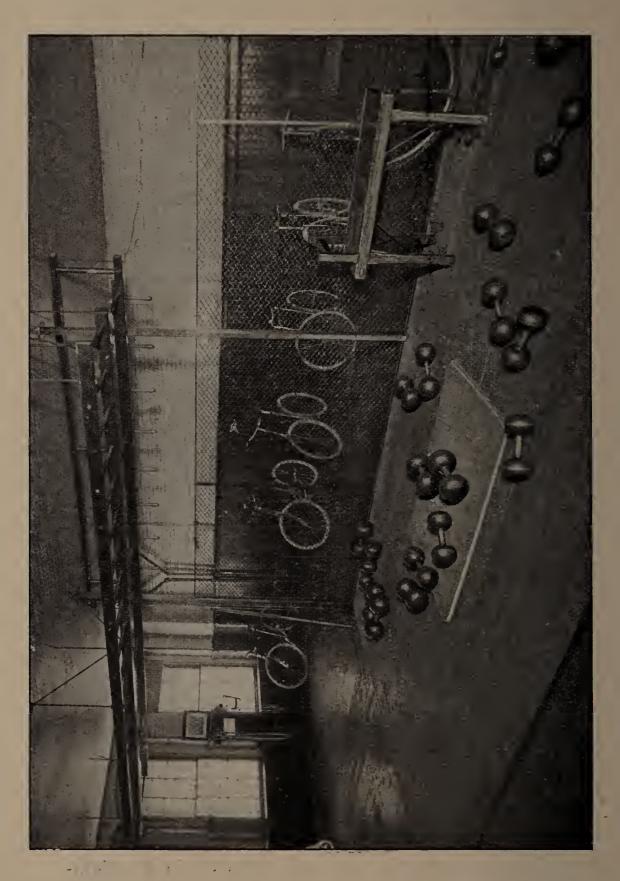
Music. Our pianist, Mr. Lyle C. True, whose reliability and familiarity with the special requirements of this position lend largely to the success of these drills.

In consequence of the remarkable growth in popularity of the game of hand-ball, and in response to the urgent request of our members, a handsome new Hand-ball Court has been added, built according to the latest designs, of solid white marble; and it is the daily scene

of many a friendly competition between the enthusiastic devotees of this novel and healthful sport.

The addition of a Bicycle Room, with a special entrance from the street, has proved to be a happy innovation, affording, as it does, the opportunity for the free checking of wheels,— a privilege enjoyed by members of the Gymnasium and Union alike.

Among the important features of the gymnasium are the bathing facilities. Our Bath-rooms, both general and private, are models of construction and cleanliness, being under constant supervision by a special attendant. They are thoroughly equipped with the latest appliances in this line, which make hot and cold water bathing delightful and invigorating.



DressingRooms.

The Dressing-rooms contain 1,276 lockers, and two private dressing-rooms meet the special needs of many of our patrons.

Lighting of the Gymnasium by the arc and incandescent systems has resulted in a great improvement both in illumination and ventilation.

One exhibition was given during the year to the largest audience ever assembled in the Gymnasium, the programme consisting of attractive features which gave practical illustration of the advancement and proficiency of the members. The Superintendent, Mr. Hoffman, and his Assistant, Mr. Parks, have been untiring in their efforts to keep the Gymnasium work up to the modern standard; and they have offered many valuable suggestions to the Committee, which have, as far as possible, been carried out.



INDIVIDUAL BATH-ROOM.

Physical Special attention is called to the opportunity extended all Gymnasium members for a free physical examination by our Medical Director, Dr. John W. Bartol.

When a young man joins a gymnasium, he should be guided so as to exercise intelligently,—i.e., his exercising should be adapted to his individual needs. This examination is entirely optional, but by far the larger percentage of our members avail themselves of this professional advice; and at the end of the term they are re-examined, to ascertain exactly what progress they have made.

The report of our Medical Director, Dr. John W. Bartol, is herewith appended in full.

WALTER H. DUGAN, *Chairman*.

JOHN R. AINSLEY.

HENRY PENNYPACKER.



PRIVATE LOCKERS.



REPORT OF DR. JOHN W. BARTOL

(HARVARD), MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

MR. WALTER H. DUGAN, Chairman of Committee on Physical Culture:

Dear Sir,—The work of the Medical Director's office for the past year has maintained its usual record. The number of applicants for physical examination continues to bear quite a constant ratio to the membership, new and old. Thus we have made up to date 380 examinations, including those coming for second and third times.

While the first examination serves to detect in many instances some especial lack of development, or organic weakness for which warning advice is needed, re-examinations are of great-interest to the applicants as a measure of their improvement and often as a stimulus to further effort.

The well-hardened gymnast, of course, is aware of the state of his development, and wants no check on the character of his exercise; but for the beginner and those constitutionally weak the supervision of the Superintendent and his assistants bears out most admirably the original directions.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN W. BARTOL.



BOSTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

48 Boylston Street.

A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THIS SOCIETY.

1851. The Boston Young Men's Christian Union was instituted in 1851, and incorporated under its present name in 1852.

Sept. 17, 1851, nearly fifty years ago, the foundation of this society was laid.

After a successful existence of twelve years its work was temporarily discontinued, in consequence of the interruption caused by the Civil War.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE VI.

"Duties of the Board of Directors.

- "It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors,-
- "First, To provide for the use of the Society suitable rooms, centrally located in the city of Boston.
- "Second, To provide and keep in said rooms such books, periodicals, and newspapers as will, in their judgment, promote the object of the Society.
- "Third, To make such arrangements for social religious exercises as they shall deem practicable and conducive to the best interests of the Society.

"Fourth, To induce the members of the Society to connect themselves with some of the religious societies in the vicinity, according always to their denominational preferences, and especially to seek out and impart information, and render aid, assistance, and encouragement to those who come as strangers to the city, striving to guard them against temptation, to surround them with Christian influences, and to interest them in the cultivation of a religious life."

REORGANIZATION, APRIL 15, 1868.

The work was resumed again in 1868 under its present auspices, and rooms were provided at No. 12 West Street. These soon proving too small for the purposes of the society, larger ones were taken in the fall of 1868 at what was then 300 Washington Street, corner of Suffolk Place, where the whole building above the first floor was eventually occupied.

These premises also proving inadequate, it became necessary again to move and enlarge the accommodations. A suitable lot of land having been found, a public appeal was made in the spring of 1874 for funds with which to purchase the land and erect a building for the society. By the generosity of its friends the necessary amount with which to begin the work was speedily secured.

NEW BUILDING.

The corner-stone of the new building was laid at noon of Sept. 16, 1875, in the presence of members of the Trustees and of the Board of Government, and of a large number of interested friends.

COMPLETION AND DEDICATION.

The present building was completed and dedicated to the use of the Union March 15, 1876. By the munificent legacy of eighty thousand dollars from the late Joseph B. Eaton, a Life Member, supplemented by the generous gifts of many friends, the society was enabled in 1879 (December 10) to hold its building free from all indebtedness.

The enlarged facilities not only increased the power of the Union in various fields of benevolent work at home and abroad, but the greatly augmented membership tested the building to its utmost capacity.

ENLARGEMENT AND REDEDICATION.

In 1882, on account of the constantly increasing membership of the Union and the growing and pressing need of still larger accommodations, the society found that the building was still not spacious enough, and an enlargement was deemed necessary. An appeal was made to its numerous friends, who promptly responded; and the addition to the building was made and dedicated May 28, 1883.

The extension has a frontage of seventy-two feet on Boylston Square, so that now the Union Building has light from all four sides, and covers over eleven thousand feet.

FIRST BOARD OF GOVERNMENT, 1868-1869.

AFTER THE REORGANIZATION, APRIL 15, 1868.

As given in the Annual Report of April, 1869.

President.

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ALBERT T. SINCLAIR.

^{*} Since deceased.

Aims and Objects. The chief aim of the officers of the society is to make the Rooms, to as great an extent as possible, a home for young men; to offer every possible attraction in the shape of books, papers, games, pleasant companions, classes, public religious services, lectures, amateur and musical entertainments, and other means of instruction and recreation.

Without losing sight of its special work, the Union has always been ready to discharge its duty to the community by such general benevolent work as may come within its scope.

In this branch of outside work the officers have been greatly assisted by members, and committees of ladies who have labored indefatigably and successfully. Among these special objects may be mentioned the "Christmas and New Year's Festival for Needy Children," the "Rides for Invalids," and "Country Week" for poor children.

In addition to these are the occasions when, at times of disaster abroad, the Rooms have been made a depot for the receipt of contributions, and a source for the distribution of relief.

Central
Location. The building is very centrally located, being situated on Boylston Street, corner of Tamworth Street, near Tremont Street, overlooking the Common, and has also a frontage on Boylston Square, with an entrance opposite Washington Street.

It is open to light and air on every side, near the entrance to the subway, corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets, and nearly all the various lines of electric cars either pass the door or near by, on Tremont and Washington Streets.

Reception Room and Office.

the society.

The Reception Room is at the head of the first flight of stairs from Boylston Street, with side windows opening upon Tamworth Street, formerly called Lowell The members and all other per-Place. sons visiting the Union enter here, and from this room pass to the other portions of the building occupied by

It contains the desk of the Curator, Librarian, and Book-keeper, and facilities for checking the garments of members. It is also supplied with tables for checkers and dominos (for use after five o'clock P.M.), an aquarium, a case containing a nearly complete collection of the birds of New England, and the leading Boston daily newspapers on file.

The business of the society is here transacted, strangers and others desiring information are received, and such attentions are afforded as are in the power of the Union to furnish.

It is estimated that in the more active season (October to May) from 1,600 to 2,200 young men and others visit the Union Rooms daily.

This room is open every day, including Sundays, from eight o'clock A.M. to ten o'clock P.M.

The Union Sitting Room, connected The with this room, fronts on Boylston Sitting Room. Street, and commands a fine view It is pleasantly furnished, has a of the Common. piano, and is intended to be a social room for members. It has a cabinet containing minerals, insects, etc.

Adjoining the Sitting Room is the Chess Room. Chess Room, especially devoted to chess-playing, members and open to after two o'clock P.M.

An additional room for chess has also been provided (Room No. 1).

President
and

Directors' Room.

The President and Directors'
Room, connected with the Reception Room in the rear, is used for the business purposes of the society. It commands a view of the entire floor.

The Library and Reading Room is in the L, and is also connected with the Reception Room. It is lighted with windows on three sides, and is furnished with a library of over fifteen thousand volumes, with the leading magazines, religious papers of all denominations, illustrated, weekly, and daily papers.

The Library Room has a capacity for from forty thousand to fifty thousand volumes, and is the largest reading-room in Boston, with the exception of the new Public Library, being one hundred and twelve feet long, and having five thousand feet of floor space.

Members can at all times take books from the shelves and read them in the room, the Library thus becoming so attractive that many are induced to spend their time in reading who would not do so unless the books were placed, as it were, in their hands. Books can also be taken for home reading upon application at the Librarian's desk.

Correspondence. Facilities for correspondence are furnished to members, in connection with the Library.

The Study. The Union Study, opening from the Library, is supplied with books of reference, accessible to members at all times.

Toilet Rooms.

The Toilet Room, with bathing-rooms attached, is down a rear flight of stairs from the Reception Room.

The Gymnasium, another flight below, on the ground floor, is spacious, and lighted on every side.

The improvements in 1883 added nearly three thousand feet of floor space, so that it is now one of the largest and the most complete gymnasiums in the country.

It is 136 feet in length, and covers 6,200 superficial feet, exclusive of dressing-rooms, or, in all, over 10,000 feet.

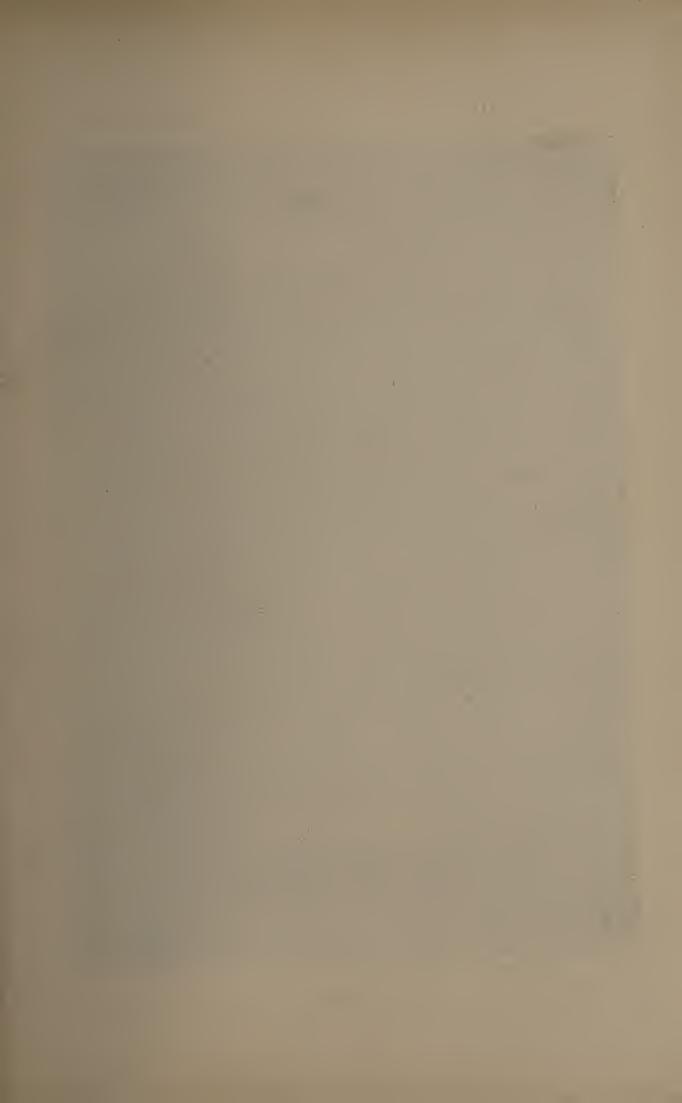
It is provided with bath-rooms, large dressing-rooms, and is furnished with a great variety of modern apparatus of the most approved patterns.

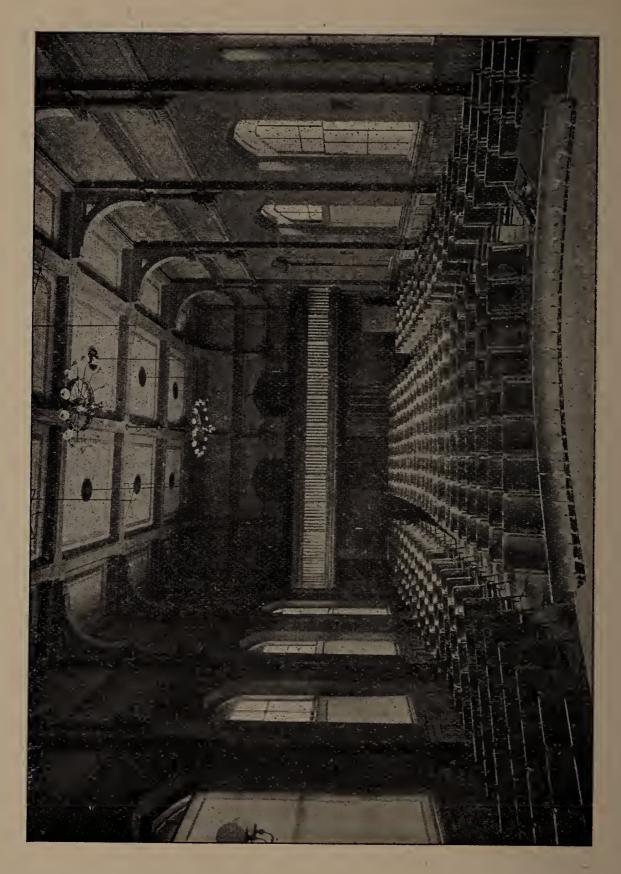
Dressing boxes are free; and the members are entitled to the use of the shower, sponge, douche, needle, and tub baths, which are provided with hot and cold water.

The Hand-ball Court, in the Gymnasium, has a new, smoothly finished marble wall especially adapted to this game. Instruction is afforded to members by German F. Hoffman, Superintendent, Everett F. Parks, Assistant Superintendent, John W. Bartol, M.D., as Medical Director, and Augustus F. Cunio, Walter S. Robbins, Charles B. Sanborn, John A. Dykeman, Special Instructors.

Terms. Members of the Union become entitled, by the payment of seven dollars per year, to the use of the Gymnasium at all times when open.

Four dollars per year entitle them to its use after seven o'clock P.M.





Bicycle=check Room.

A Bicycle-check Room, with entrance on Lowell Court, been opened for the Free use of members of the Union.

Committee and Class Rooms.

the city.

Committee Rooms connect with the Parlor and each other by wide doors, and are used, as well as

other smaller rooms, as occasion requires.

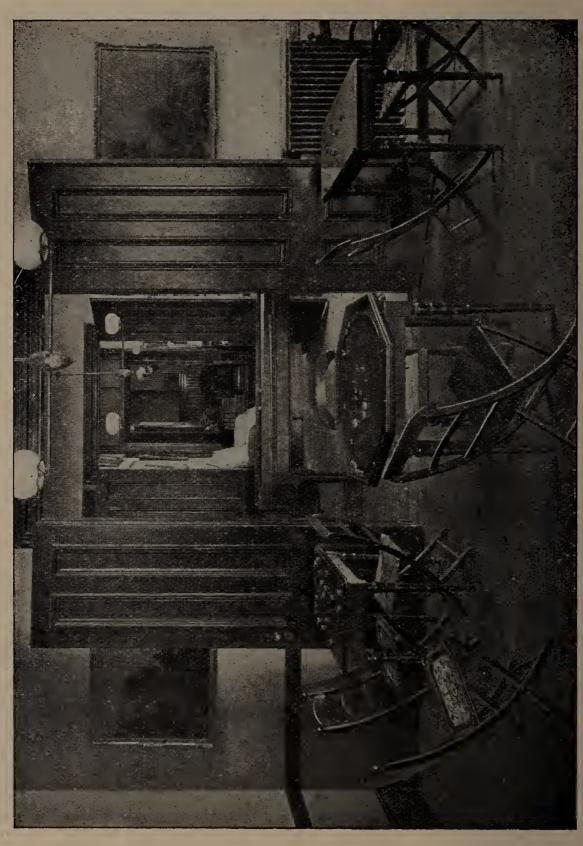
Five large and three small Class Rooms were gained by the addition to the building in 1883.

The Union Hall is reached by two easy The Union flights from Boylston Street, as well as Hall. by a spiral staircase from the Reception Room, and has an exit on Boylston Square. It is furnished with folding seats, neatly upholstered in leather, and is capable, with the gallery, of seating five hundred and two people.

There is a ticket office on the street floor, which may be used in connection with this hall, when desired. The stage, which was enlarged and The Stage. improved in 1883, is thirty-six feet wide and thirty-nine feet deep, with a proscenium twenty-one feet, and is the largest private stage in

The Union Hall is admirably adapted for concerts, lectures, and dramatic performances, for which it is provided with new and appropriate scenery. thoroughly ventilated, and has the incandescent system of electric lighting. Connected with the stage are large and convenient anterooms and dressing-rooms, with a separate entrance from Boylston Square.

The hall is used for religious services, lectures, entertainments, and other public purposes of the society, and is also let for similar purposes, when not used by the Union.



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Eaton Hall is connected with The Union Hall by double folding doors, so that the two halls may be used together, if desired; and it is also used for the ordinary purposes of the society. It will seat about one hundred persons. This hall was named Eaton Hall in memory of the late Joseph B. Eaton.

Norcross Hall, which was gained by the addition to the building, is lighted with windows opening on Boylston Square. It has a large stage and anteroom, and has a seating capacity of two hundred and seventy-five. This hall was named Norcross Hall in memory of the late Hon. Otis Norcross.

The Parlor. The Union Parlor, reached from the Reception Room by the spiral staircase or by the main stairway, is in front, with a view of the Common. This cheerful and attractive homelike room contains a piano, magalethoscope, pictures, etc., and furnished with appropriate fittings, and open to the members from 7.30 to 9.45 o'clock each evening, except Sunday. (The Sitting Room is open at all times.)

The Waterston

Collection.

A choice collection of books,—
over 500 volumes, "The Waterston Collection,"—also a large
number of stereoscopic views, foreign and American,
have been placed in the Parlor for the use of members.

Many of the members avail themselves of the social use of the Parlor, and find in it the comforts of a home; and it is earnestly hoped that many more will do so.

The Members' Receptions are held here, the room also being used for other purposes by the society.

Rooms for Games. Two small rooms connected with the Parlor.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, CLASSES, ETC.

To promote further the objects of the society, public religious services are held every Sunday evening in The Union Hall except during July and August.

Classes are formed for the study of German, French, Spanish, Italian, Book-keeping, Penmanship, Elocution, Arithmetic, English Grammar, English Literature, Mechanical Drawing, Freehand Drawing, Decoration and Design, Industrial Electricity, Shorthand, Latin, Law, and other branches.

Practical Talks on matters of Science, Political Economy, History, English Language, Banking, Hygiene, and Art are given; also Essays in Ethics, and frequent Lectures, Readings, Amateur Dramatic, Musical, and other entertainments.

BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE WORK.

Benevolent
Work.
Under the supervision of the Committee on Benevolent Action, benevolent and charitable work is carried on in various departments.

The Employment Bureau aids members, and others, in getting employment. All persons who can furnish employment, or who know of vacancies to be filled, confer a great favor by communicating with this Bureau.

The Boarding House Department endeavors to provide good boarding-places, at a moderate price, for those desiring them.

A Committee on Churches provides members with seats in any church of the city which they desire to at-

tend, free or at a moderate expense, and renders such other services as are in its power.

A Committee on Clothing attends to the distribution of clothing, given for the purpose, to worthy young men needing such assistance.

A Committee visits and cares for members when sick.

Benevolent and charitable work of various kinds is carried on by committees of members of the Union and the Ladies' Committee.

A Committee on the "Country Week" sends poor children into the country for vacations of ten days or a fortnight.

The "Invalid Rides" Department furnishes carriages for drives in the suburbs, to convalescents, in the hospitals and elsewhere.

Invitation. Young Men, without regard to their religious belief or associations, are cordially invited to become members of the society, and to co-operate in the accomplishment of its purposes.

Fees. The fee for Annual Membership is one dol-LAR; for Subscription Membership, five dol-LARS; for Life Membership, TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. A subscription membership for five successive years constitutes a life membership.

All persons interested in the success of the society, who are willing to aid it by contributions, professional services as teachers, by engaging in its charitable and benevolent work, or in any other way, will confer a favor by communicating with any of its officers or committees, or proffering their assistance at the Rooms.

Trustees of Permanent Fund.

Chairman.

SAMUEL WELLS.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM ENDICOTT.

Secretary.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.

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Board of Government for 1899–1900.

President.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.

Vice-President.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE.

Secretary.

GEORGE PEIRCE.

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WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON.

EDWARD A. CHURCH. FRANK L. LOCKE.

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Committees of the Board of Government For 1899–1900.

APPOINTED APRIL 12, 1899.

Finance.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON. HENRY H. SPRAGUE.

Lectures, Classes, and Entertainments.

CHARLES L. BURRILL, CHAIRMAN.

EDWARD A. CHURCH.

FRANK L. LOCKE.

Library.

WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON, CHAIRMAN.
HENRY H. SPRAGUE. WILLIAM H. BALDWIN.

Rooms.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, CHAIRMAN.

GEORGE PEIRCE. GEORGE HUTCHINSON.

Members.

GEORGE PEIRCE, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN R. AINSLEY.

WILLIAM H. BROWN.

Benevolent Action.

EDWARD A. CHURCH, CHAIRMAN.

CHARLES L. BURRILL. FRANK L. LOCKE.

Public Worship and Religious Study.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN R. AINSLEY. WILLIAM H. BROWN.

Physical Culture.

WALTER II. DUGAN, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN R. AINSLEY. HENRY PENNYPACKER.

Committees of Members, etc., for 1899-1900.

Ushers.

HOWARD L. COBURN. E. EVERETT ARNOLD. FRANK W. BRYANT. ROBERT M. BOWEN.

WALTER B. HAINES. HARRY I. SADLER. ROBERT K. JOHNSON. ROBERT M. CLARKE. ARTHUR H. McKENNEY. FRANK CRAWFORD.

ARTHUR V. HOWLAND.

Employment Bureau.

HERBERT C. BRONSDON, SUPERINTENDENT.

Country Week.

Miss Elise S. Johnson, Secretary.

Miss S. E. HEARSEY, Miss Adelaide Hall, Miss A. Lora Weis, Miss Mary E. Pierce, Miss Louise Howe,

Miss C. I. FIELD, ROBERT A. WOODS, Miss Mabel Wilbur, Miss Bertha D. Eaton, Special Committee.

EDWARD A. CHURCH,) Committee CHARLES L. BURRILL, FRANK L. LOCKE,) Benevolent Action.

Christmas and New Year's Festival for Needy Children. Twenty-seventh Season.

Committee on Invitations.

Miss Sarah E. Hearsey. Miss Elise S. Johnson. Miss Adelaide Hall. Mrs. JOHN R. AINSLEY.

Miss Mabel Clarke. FRANK L. LOCKE. Frederick A. Bushée. GEORGE PEIRCE.

Committee on Presents.

Mrs. Edward A. Church.

Miss Annie C. Fisk.

Miss C. Louise Smith.

Miss Mabel L. Locke.

Miss Minnie F. Ranney.

Miss A. L. Crosby.

Miss Annie W. Cumings.

Horace S. Fowle.

Miss Lizzie Richardson.

Miss Charles L. Burrill.

Miss Nannie Alexander.

Miss Mary E. Pierce.

Committee on Refreshments.

Miss Edith Crehore.

Miss K. F. Tileston.

Miss Isabel Winslow.

Mrs. L. W. Page.

James F. Thomas.

Mrs. John H. Edwards.

Miss Lucy M. Prince.

Dr. F. D. Stackpole.

Walter H. Dugan.

Miss C. E. Jenks.

Miss C. F. Whittier.

Committee on Tree and Entertainment.

John H. Edwards. Miss Jane M. Furber.

Miss Lillian Bowen. Miss Louise H. Murdock.

Miss Agnes Brooks. John R. Ainsley.

Frank B. Thayer. George Hutchinson.

Miss Mabel H. Holden. Charles L. Burrill.

Committee of the Board of Government.

EDWARD A. CHURCH. CHARLES L. BURRILL. FRANK L. LOCKE.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Hoston Poung Men's Christian Union.

ARTICLE I.

Title.

This Society shall be called the "Boston Young Men's Christian Union."

ARTICLE II.

Eligibility of Members.

All young men of good moral character, and claiming to believe in the truths of Christianity, without distinction of sect or party, shall be eligible as members of this Society; but no person shall vote at any meeting of the Society who has not been a member for the period of one year, at least, previous to such meeting.

ARTICLE III.

Admission of Members.

Members may be admitted in such manner and on such conditions as the Board of Government may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual, Subscription, and Life Members.

All persons qualified as before named, who shall be admitted in the manner herein provided, shall, upon the payment of *one dollar* annually, become and continue MEMBERS of this Society; upon the payment of *five dollars*, or more

annually, shall become and continue SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERS; and all persons so qualified and admitted, who shall pay the sum of *twenty-five dollars* in five or less annual instalments, shall become LIFE MEMBERS of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

Officers.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a Board of twelve Directors, who shall be elected by ballot from members of the Society, and shall constitute the Board of Government. At the annual meeting in the year 1898, four directors shall be elected, each to serve three years; four directors, each to serve two years; and four directors, each to serve one year; and at each annual meeting thereafter four directors shall be elected, each to serve three years.

Immediately after the annual meeting in each year the Board of Directors shall meet and organize, and shall choose from their number a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society for the ensuing year. All the above officers so elected shall serve for the terms respectively named and until their respective successors are elected.

Vacancies occurring from any cause in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Government, and any director so elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting and the election of his successor.

Vacancies occurring in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be filled for the remainder of their terms by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Government shall have power to appoint, subject to their direction, such other officers and committees from among the members as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE VI.

Duties of the Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors,—
First, To provide for the use of the Society suitable rooms, centrally located in the city of Boston.

Second, To provide and keep in said rooms such books, periodicals, and newspapers as will, in their judgment, promote the object of the Society.

Third, To make such arrangements for social religious exercises as they shall deem practicable and conducive to the best interests of the Society.

Fourth, To induce the members of the Society to connect themselves with some of the religious societies in the vicinity, according always to their denominational preferences, and especially to seek out and impart information, and render aid, assistance, and encouragement to those who come as strangers to the city, striving to guard them against temptation, to surround them with Christian influences, and to interest them in the cultivation of a religious life.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Society for the choice of officers shall be held on the second Wednesday in April; and other regular meetings shall be held on the second Wednesdays of July, October, and January. The Board of Directors may call other meetings of the Society from time to time; and they shall call such meetings whenever requested so to do by the written application of any seventeen members, stating the purposes for which such meeting is to be held; said meetings to be called in such manner as the said Board may deem expedient, having previously given reasonable notice thereof. Seventeen members shall constitute a quorum of the Society for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Permanent Fund.

The Board of Directors may transfer such of the funds of the Society as they may think best to a Permanent Fund, may appoint five trustees to control such fund, and shall at the time of such appointment determine the character of the trust by an instrument in writing. Vacancies occurring at any time hereafter in the number of said trustees shall be filled by the remaining members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors for the time being.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

These articles may be added to, altered, or amended at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, provided that such additions, alterations, or amendments shall have been proposed in writing at one meeting, at least, prior to that at which they are to be acted upon.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

BOARD OF GOVERNMENT.

ARTICLE I.

Meetings.

REGULAR meetings of the Board of Government shall be held on the first Monday of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time, by order of the President, Secretary, or any two Directors. The Secretary shall notify members of the time and place of such meetings.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

At the first meeting of the Board in each year, eight standing committees shall be appointed by the President, who shall be under the authority and subject to the direction of the whole Board; and the reports of the various committees shall be first in order at each regular meeting of the Board. The committees may appoint, subject to the approval and ratification of the Board, such sub-committees from among the members of the Society as they shall deem fit, provided, however, that each sub-committee shall be subject in its action to the committee of the Board to which it is subordinate. The eight committees shall be constituted as follows:—

I. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.— They shall have charge of the financial affairs of the Society, and shall, with the Treasurer, devise ways and means for procuring funds, obtaining donations and assessments, investing the same, and superintending all disbursements. They shall audit the report of the Treasurer before it is submitted to the Union at the annual meetings.

- 2. Committee on Lectures, Classes, and Entertainments.— They may provide for courses of lectures or single lectures; shall organize and have supervision of all clubs and classes formed for instruction or discussion, except classes for religious study and discussion; and shall have general supervision of all entertainments, both public and private.
- 3. COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.— They shall have the general charge of all matters connected with this department. They shall purchase such books for the Library and Study, and obtain such newspapers and other periodicals as they deem expedient.
- 4. COMMITTEE ON ROOMS.— They shall have the general charge of the rooms, and shall take especial pains to introduce strangers visiting the city.
- 5. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS.— They shall organize means for increasing the membership of the Society, and shall have the general supervision of the admission of new members.
- 6. COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT ACTION.— They shall organize means for providing strangers, and others in want, with employment, with good boarding-houses, with seats in churches, and shall have the general supervision of all works of benevolence and reform undertaken by the Union.
- 7. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS STUDY.—They shall have charge of all measures for public religious worship undertaken by the Union, either within or outside of the rooms of the Society, and shall have the supervision of all classes formed for religious study and discussion.

8. COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL CULTURE.— They shall have the general charge of the gymnasium and athletic sports, and other measures for promoting the health of the members.

ARTICLE III.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall present to the Board a Monthly Report showing the condition of the finances. No money shall be paid by him except by the authority of the Board, or approval in writing of some member of the committee under whose direction the expenditures were incurred.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Report.

The Board shall present, at the annual meeting of the Society, a detailed statement of the condition of the institution and of its operations during the preceding year.

ARTICLE V.

Reports of Committees.

It shall be the duty of all committees to keep a detailed account of their proceedings, and at the end of the year to place the same, with the reports of their sub-committees, in the hands of the Secretary of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments to By-Laws.

The foregoing By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board, providing two-thirds of the members present assent thereto; but no alteration, addition, or amendment shall be adopted at the same meeting at which it is proposed.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, ex officio, shall have the supervision of all printing and advertising.



